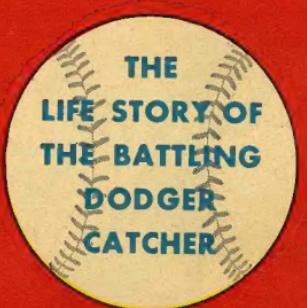


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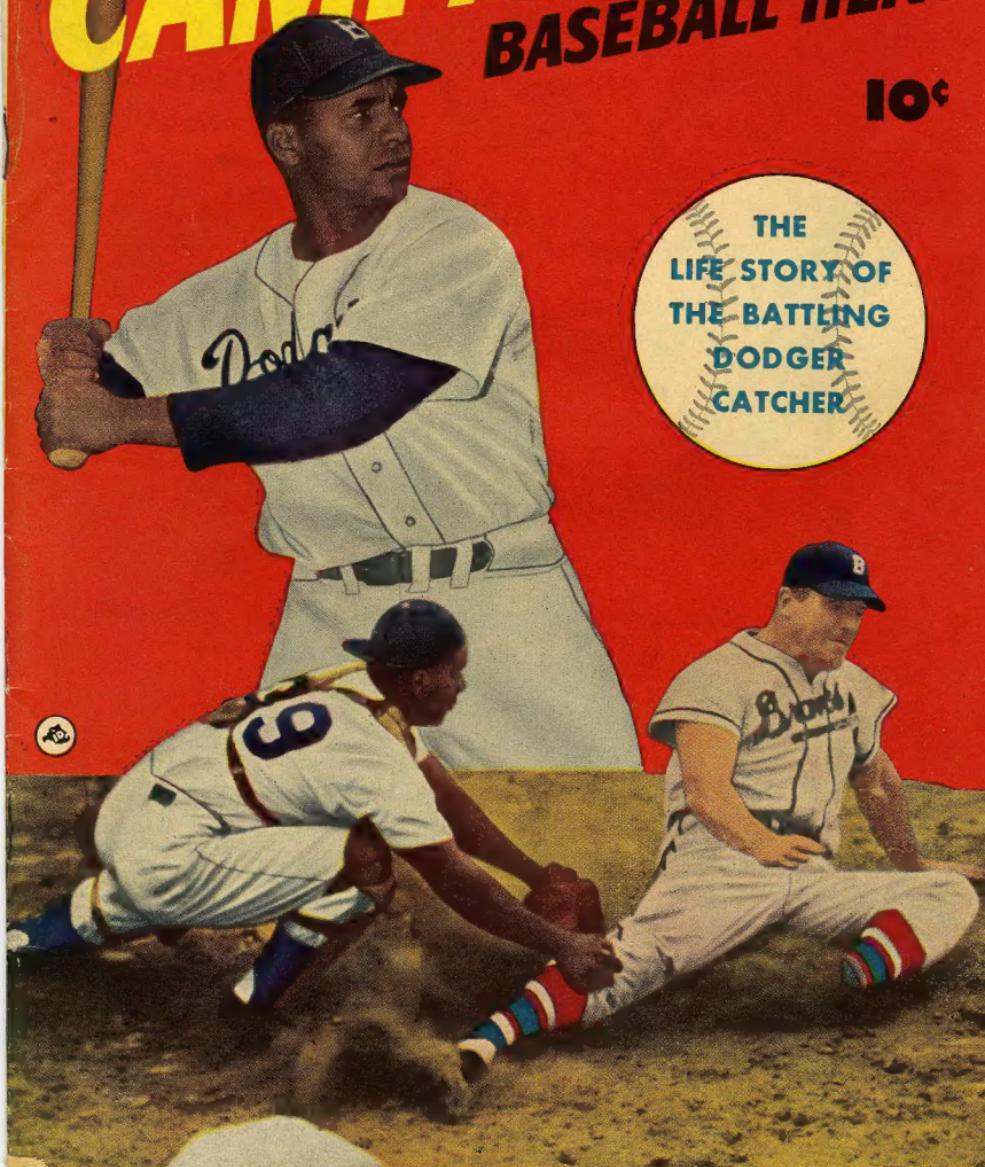
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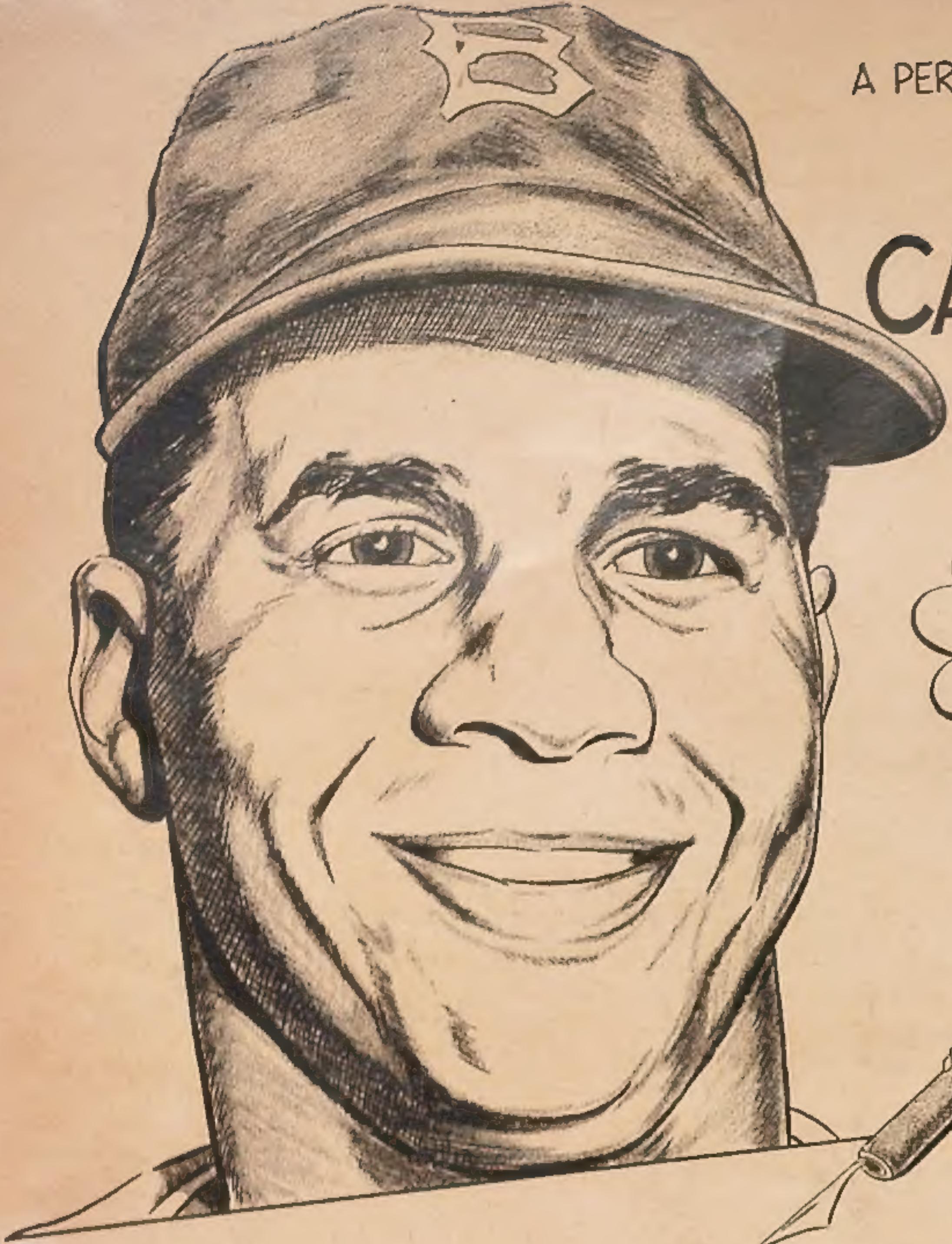
## BASEBALL HERO

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THE  
LIFE STORY OF  
THE BATTING  
DODGER  
CATCHER





A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM

# ROY CAMPANELLA

ACE BACKSTOP  
OF THE BROOKLYN  
DODGERS

HELLO,  
KIDS!



To All My Loyal Fans:

When you read this story of my career, you'll find that I'm a pretty happy guy today. I'm in the big leagues--and what's more...I'm a Dodger. But it wasn't always so. There were times when it looked as if I'd never find that pot of gold at the rainbow's end.

But I kept plugging and then, one day, my big break came!

So keep your chin up...stay in there fighting...always doing your best, playing the game hard, clean and intelligently. Keep your eye on the ball! When you make an error don't be afraid to admit it--then learn the reason why you made it so it won't happen again.

And thanks, fans, for the way you helped me with your appreciation and encouragement.

Your friend,

*Roy Campanella*

ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

# ROY CAMPANELLA

## Baseball Hero



Roy Campanella, brainy catcher of the battling Brooklyn Dodgers, is writing baseball history with every game he plays!

A devastating power hitter, a flawless receiver, he has been the spark plug of many ball clubs since he was a high school boy of fifteen.

Dodger pitchers sing his praises! Fans acclaim the thrilling play of champion Campy, the first Negro catcher in the major leagues!

Written by  
CHARLES DEXTER



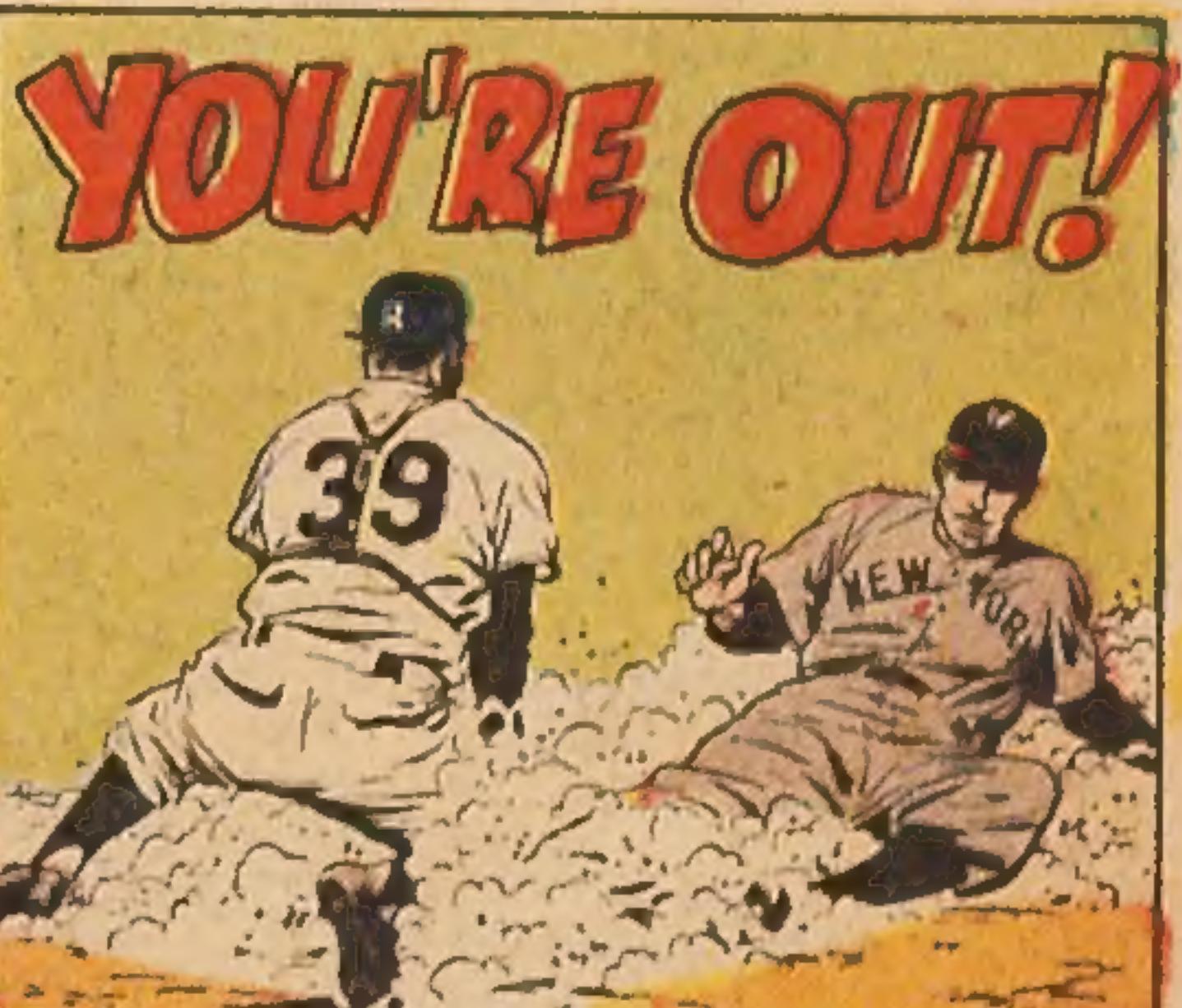
Batting .400, Roy led Monterey to its first Mexican League Flag in 1943!

YOU ARE UNO MAGNIFICO HITTER, SEÑOR!

TH-THANK YOU!



Boy was on nine all-star teams in nine Negro National League seasons!



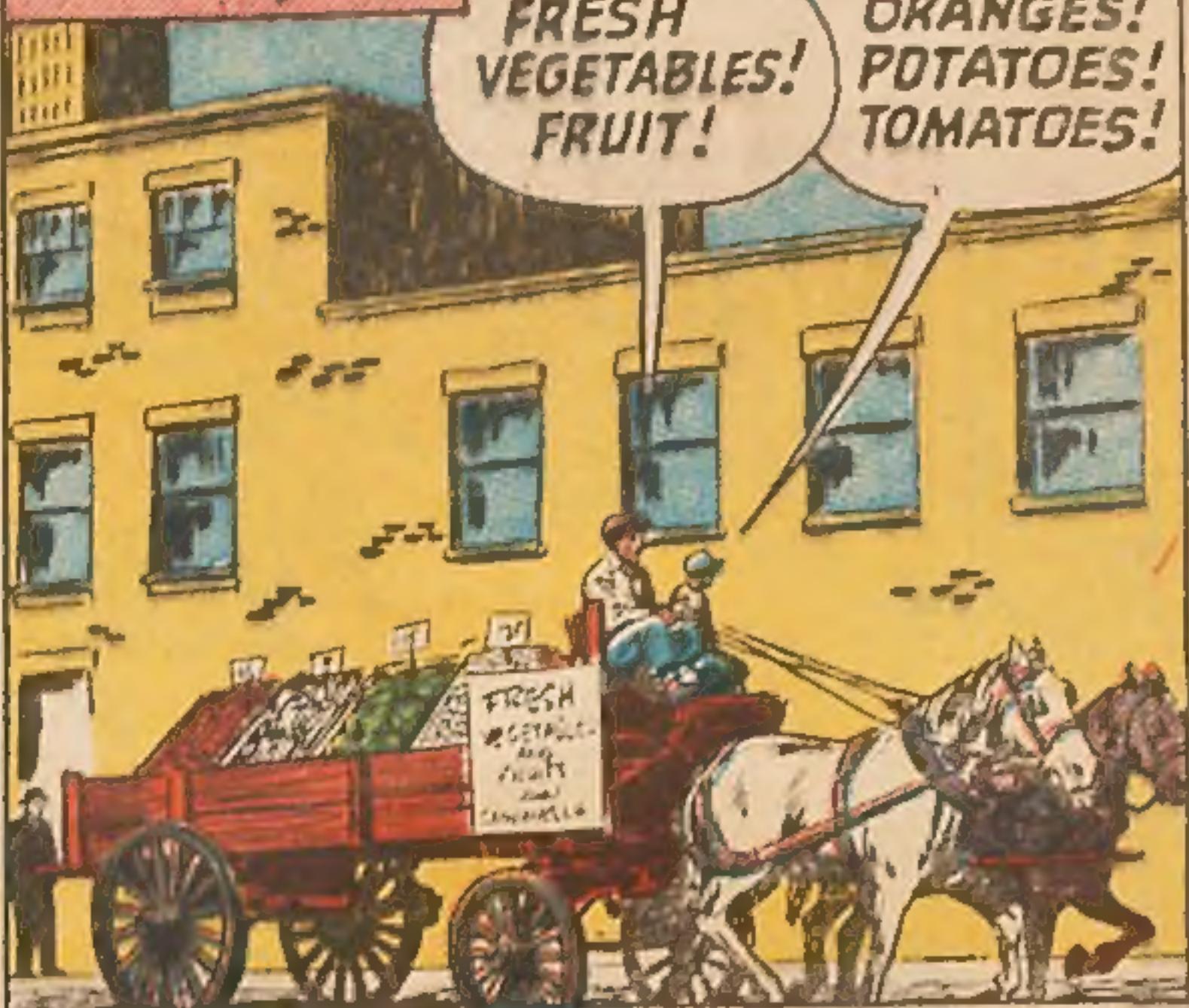
And in Brooklyn, Roy's courageous catching and powerful hitting helped the Dodgers win the tingling 1949 flag race!

# ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

John Campanella was pleased as a pumpkin when Roy, his second son, was born just before Thanksgiving 1921!

Roy was a roly-poly baby with a merry smile!

As a youngster, Roy rode through the streets of Philadelphia on his father's vegetable wagon!



Roy's job was to store away unsold vegetables every night! But instead...

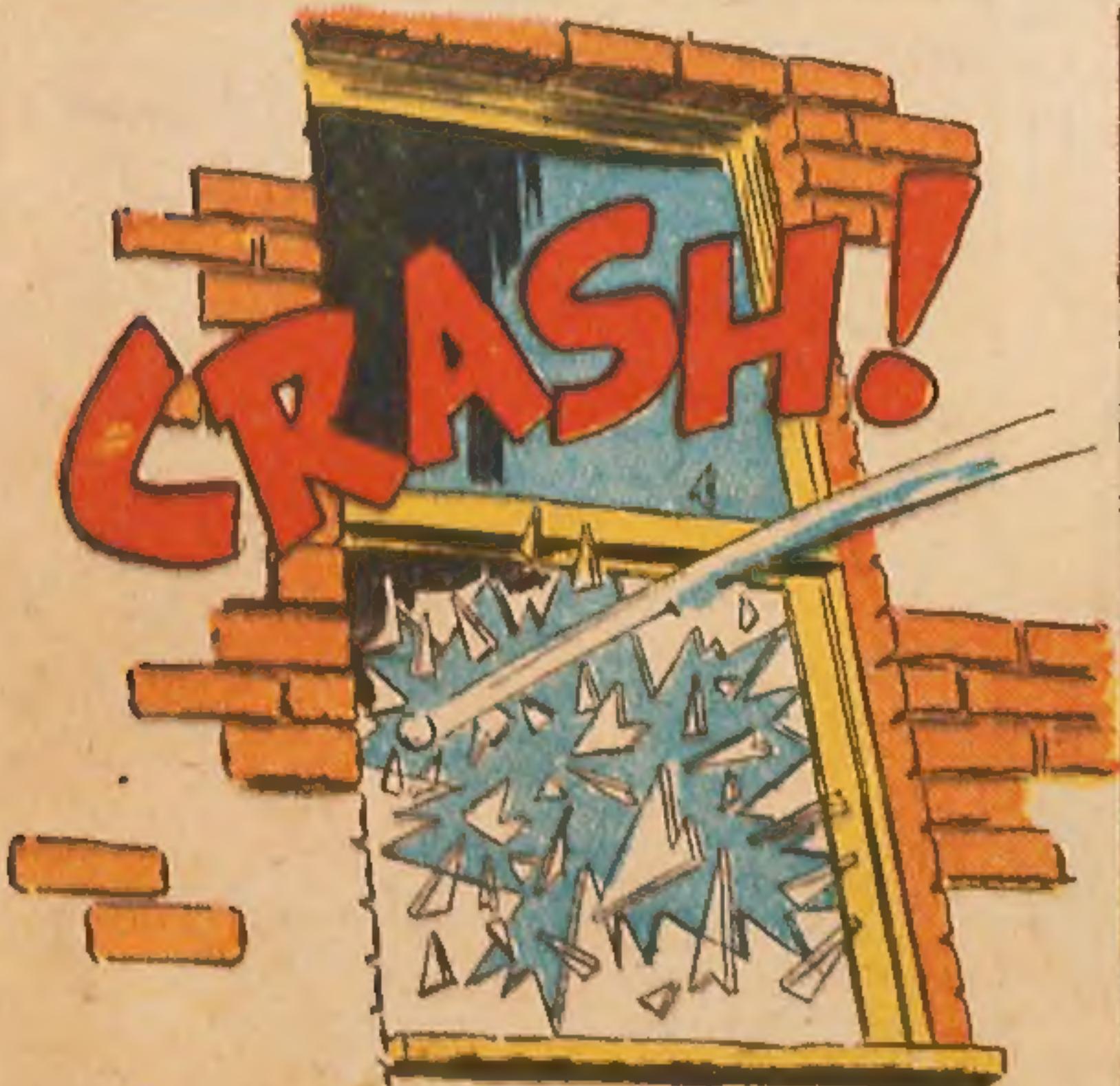


WHY DID YOU SPOIL THE ORANGES, ROY? SPEAK UP!

I WON'T DO IT AGAIN, PAPA, IF YOU WILL BUY ME A BALL!



Papa bought Roy a hard rubber ball, and soon...



WE'D BETTER BEAT IT!



# ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO



When Roy was ten, he met Forrest White, owner of a weekly newspaper!



Boy played outfield on the Independents! One day, Jimmy Lake, their catcher, tried to grab a foul tip with his bare hand, and...



# ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

Catching for the first time in his life, peppery Roy was so thrilled that he tossed his mask away!

C'MON, KIDS! LET'S WIN THIS GAME! A LITTLE LIFE NOW!



But on the next pitch...

OOOOH!

SNAK!



OH, WHY MUST YOU ALWAYS GET HURT? YOU KEEP AWAY FROM BALL GAMES, ROY, OR YOU'LL GET KILLED SOME DAY!

YOU'RE TOO BIG TO SPANK! GO TO YOUR ROOM, ROY!

I DON'T CARE IF I GET HURT, MOM AND DAD! I LOVE BASEBALL!



At thirteen, Roy starred on the Gillespie Junior High School team!

THAT'S THE SECOND HOMER ROY'S HIT FOR US TODAY, MR. WELSH!

HE'S A GREAT PROSPECT, COACH! I CAN USE HIM ON OUR LEGION TEAM!



Not long after...

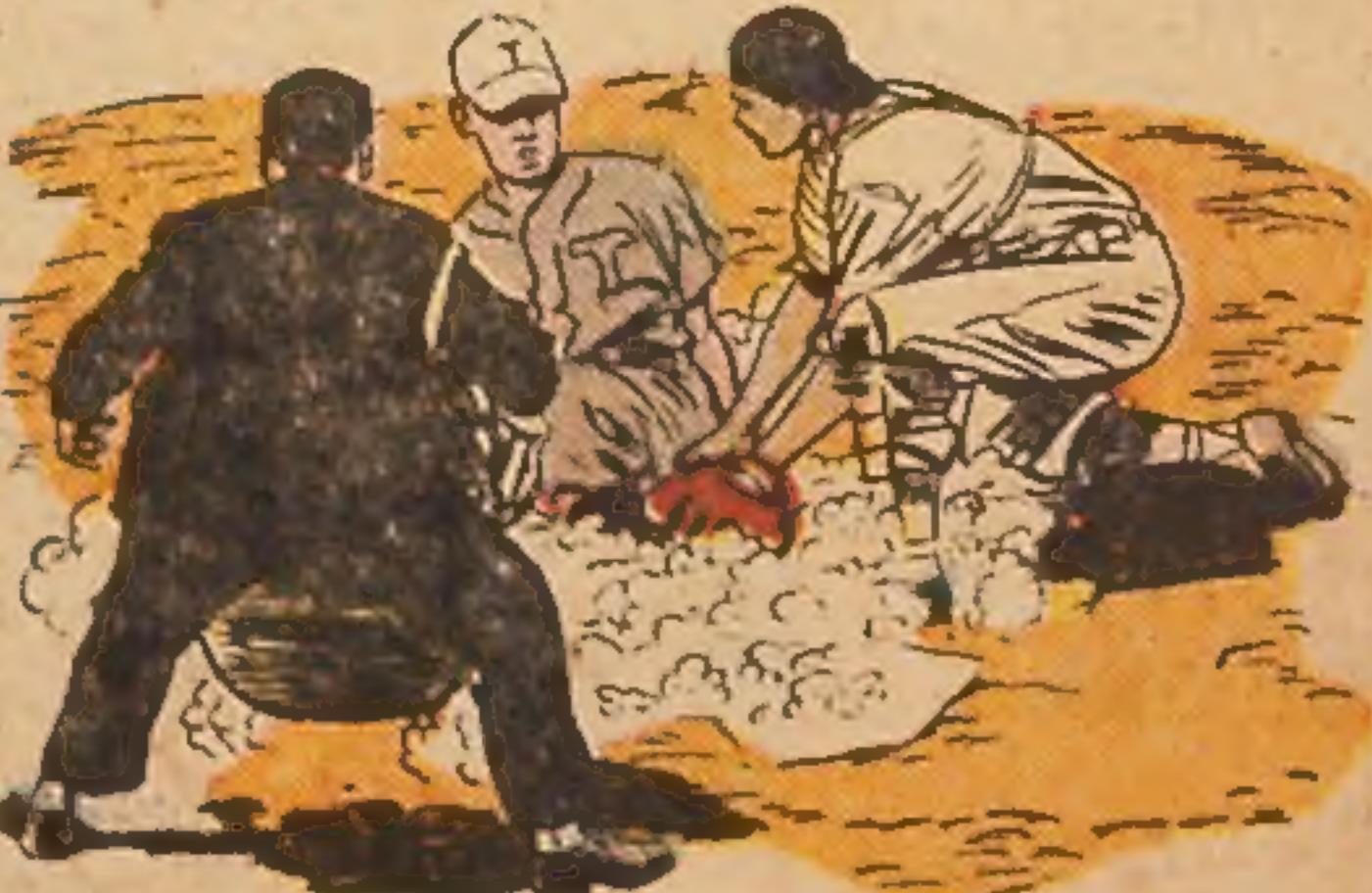
YOU ARE AN AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR NOW, ROY!

I KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, MR. WELSH ... HONOR, SPORTSMANSHIP AND FAIR PLAY!

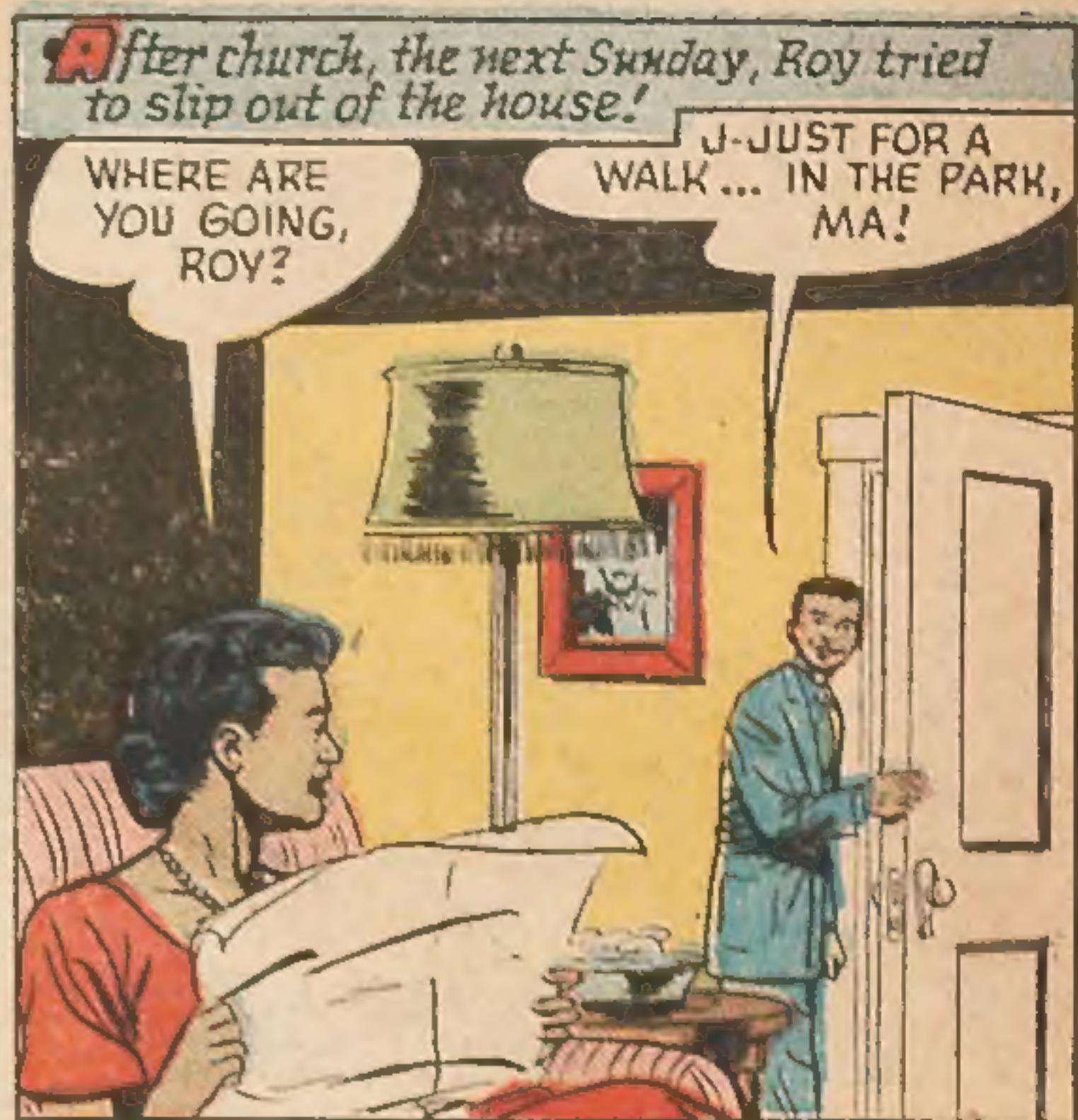


Roy's sharp hitting and daring fielding featured the Pennsylvania Junior Legion games!

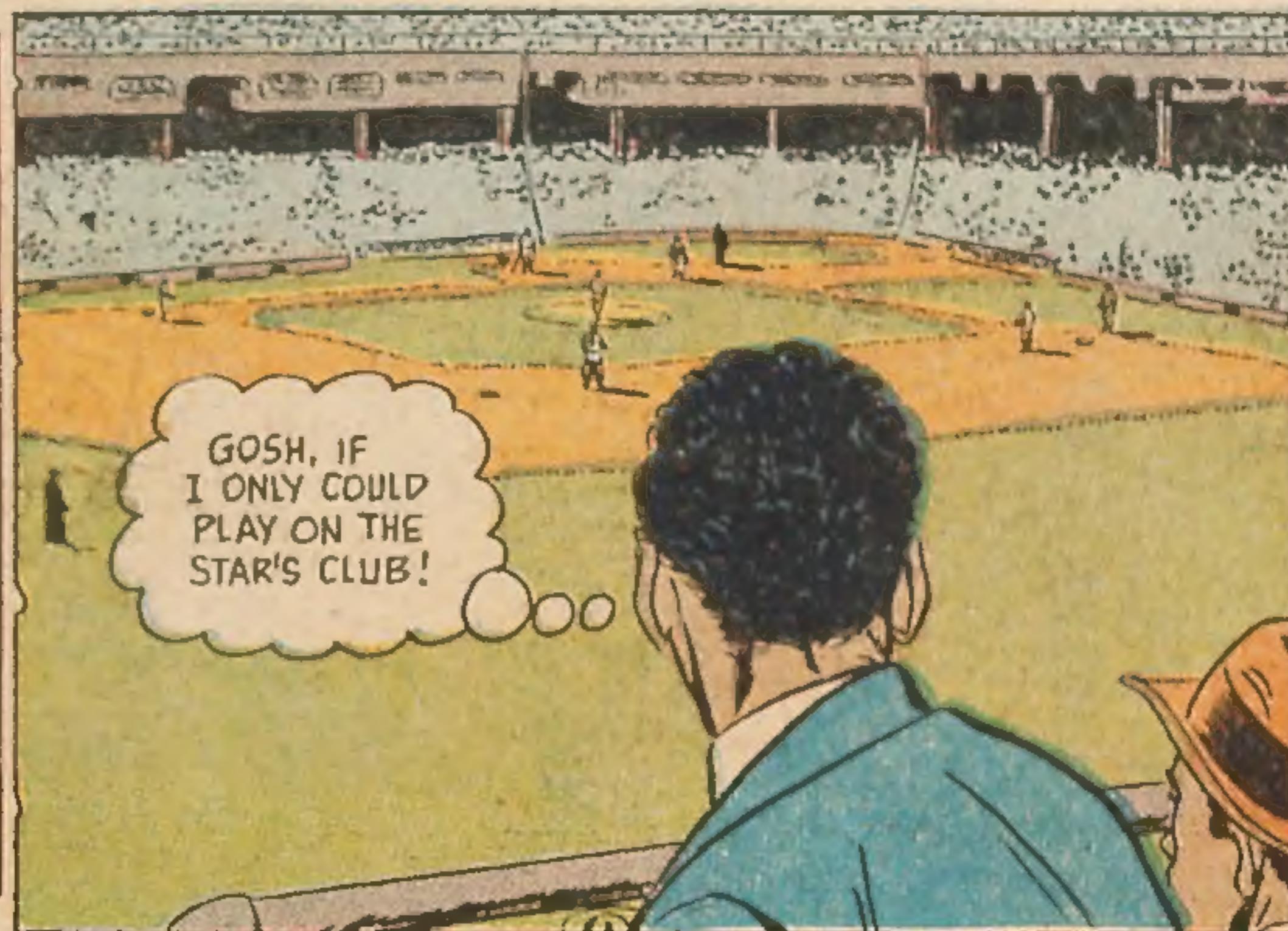
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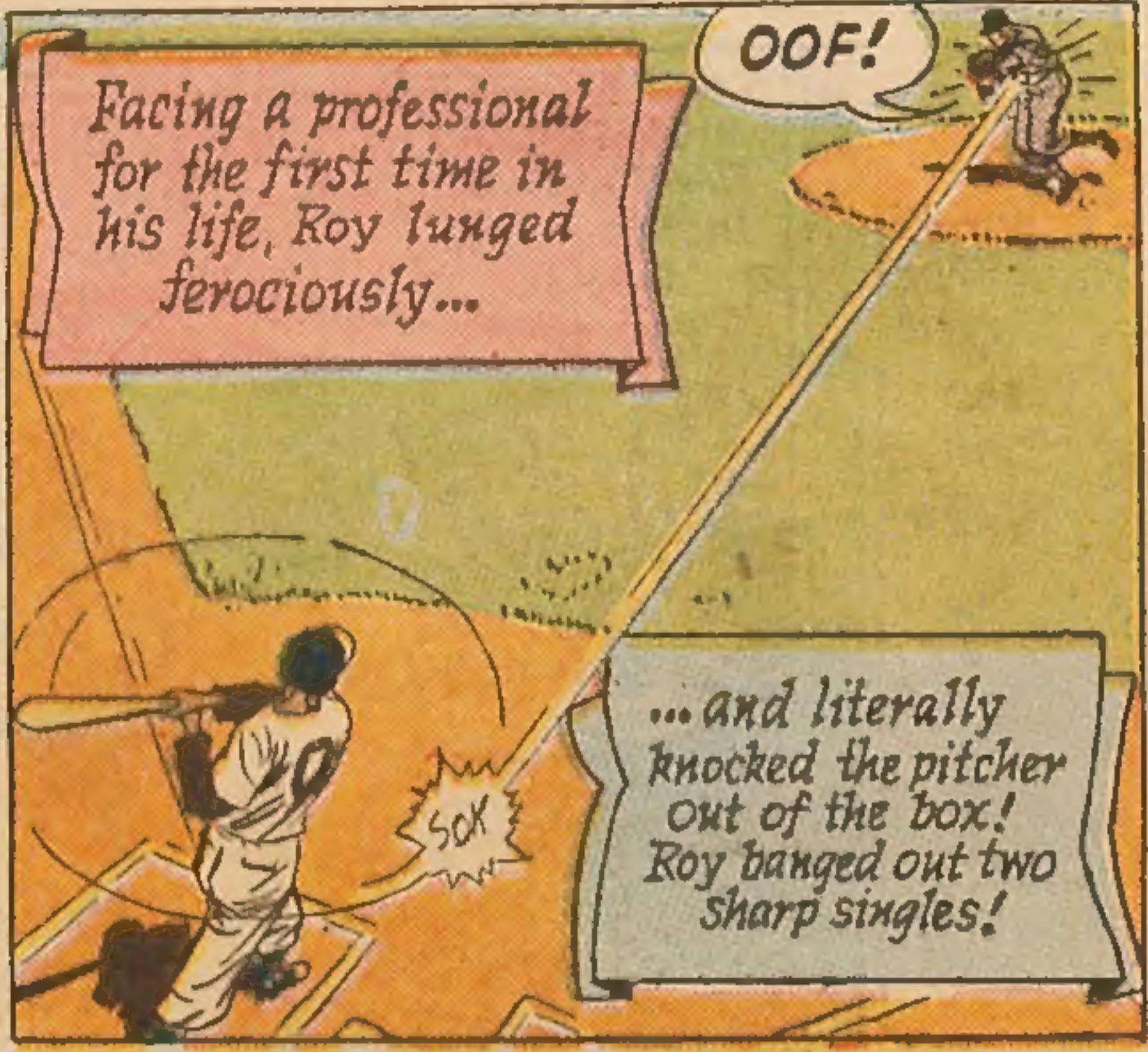
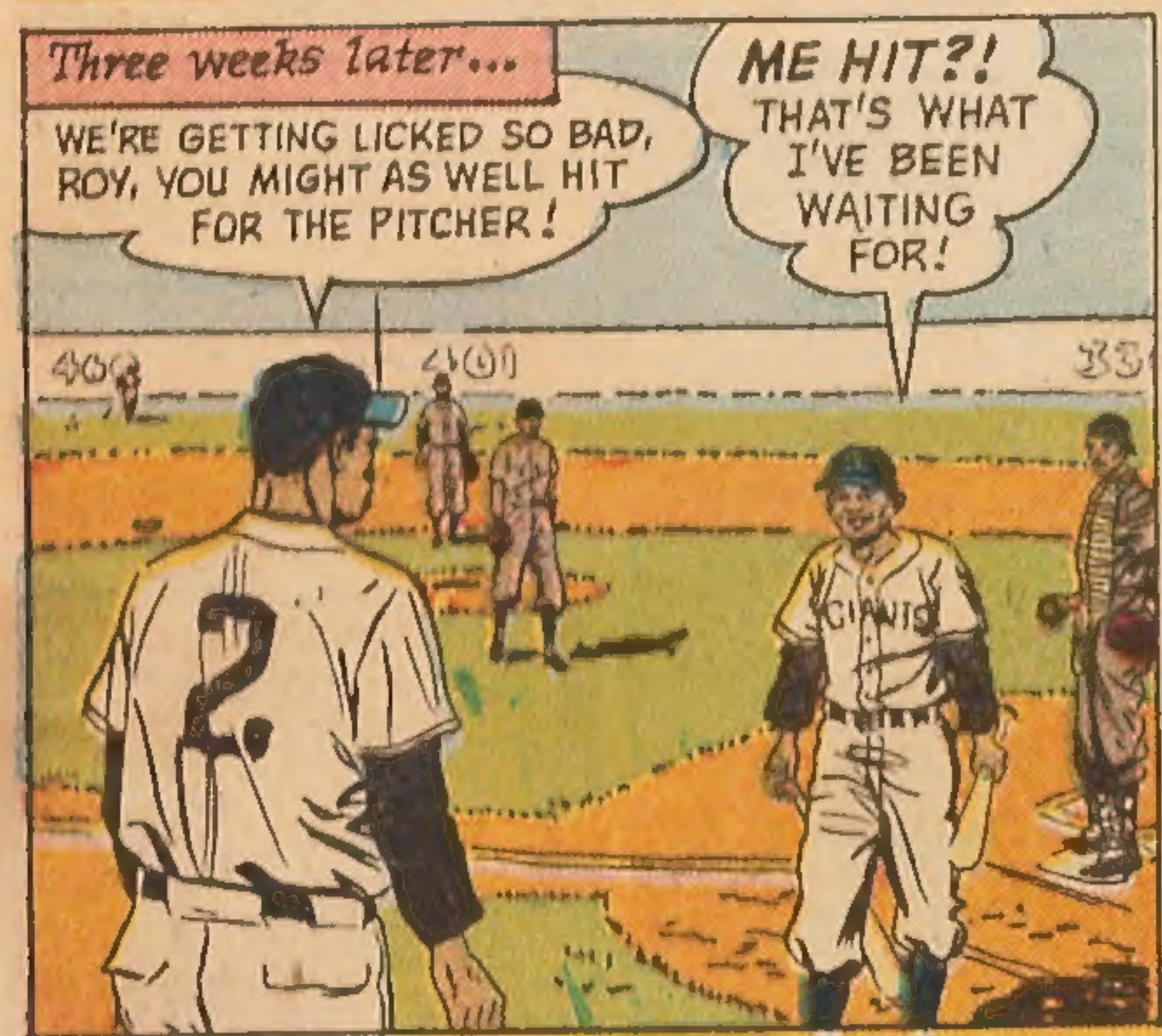
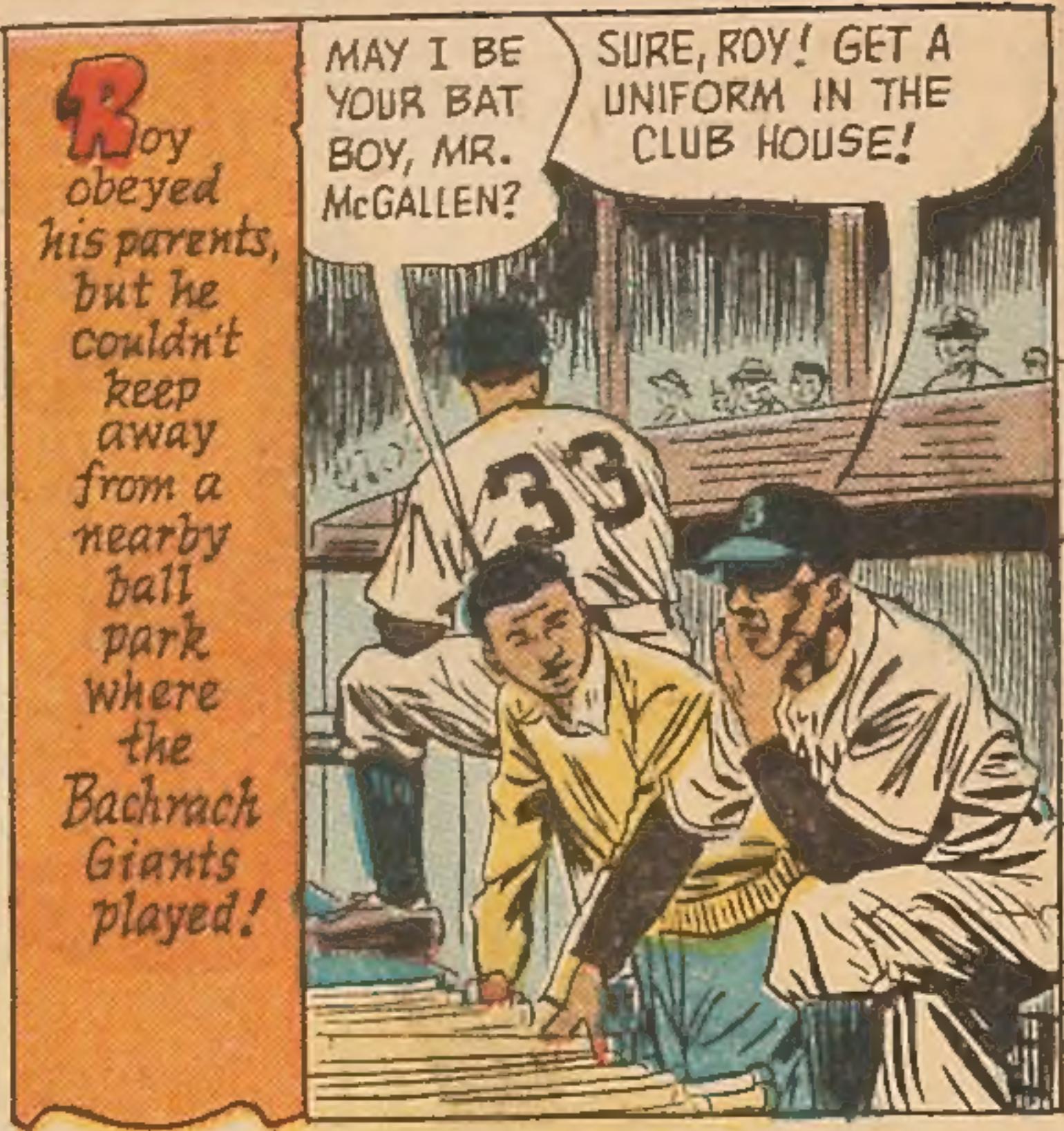
## ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO



**R**oy found a seat deep in the bleachers at Baker Bowl where the stars were playing!



# ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO



## ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO



A year later, when Roy was fifteen, he entered Simon Gratz High School and easily made the ball team! On Saturdays, he caught for his school team! On Sundays, for the Bachrach Giants!



One Sunday, Bachrach played the Wilmington Blues!

The bases were full as Roy came to bat!

On week days, Roy studied hard!

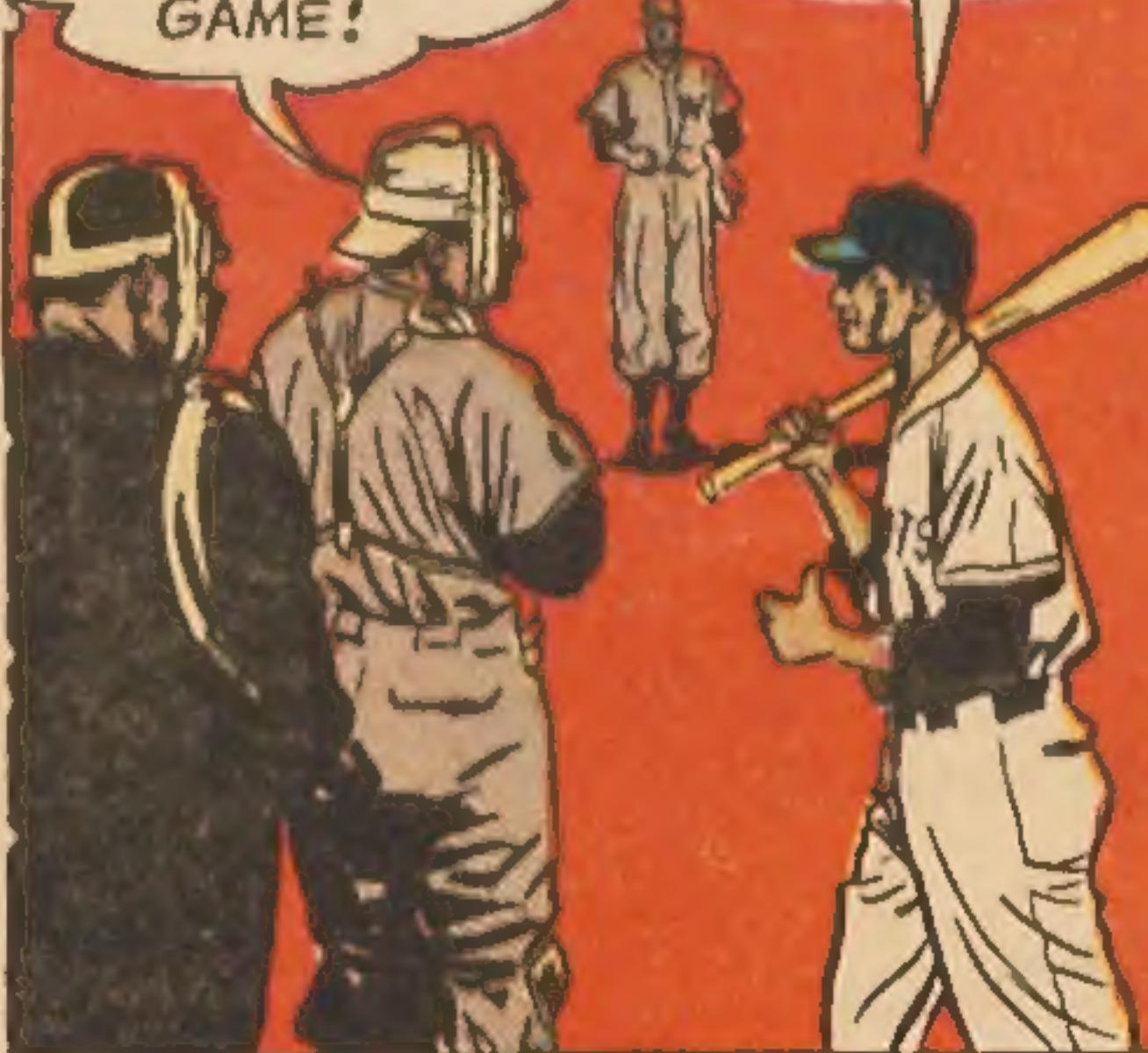
YOU'RE QUITE A DRAFTSMAN, ROY! YOU CAN BE A GOOD ARCHITECT SOMEDAY!

I LIKE TO BUILD THINGS! I LIKE TO BUILD TOY HOUSES AND TRAINS, SIR!

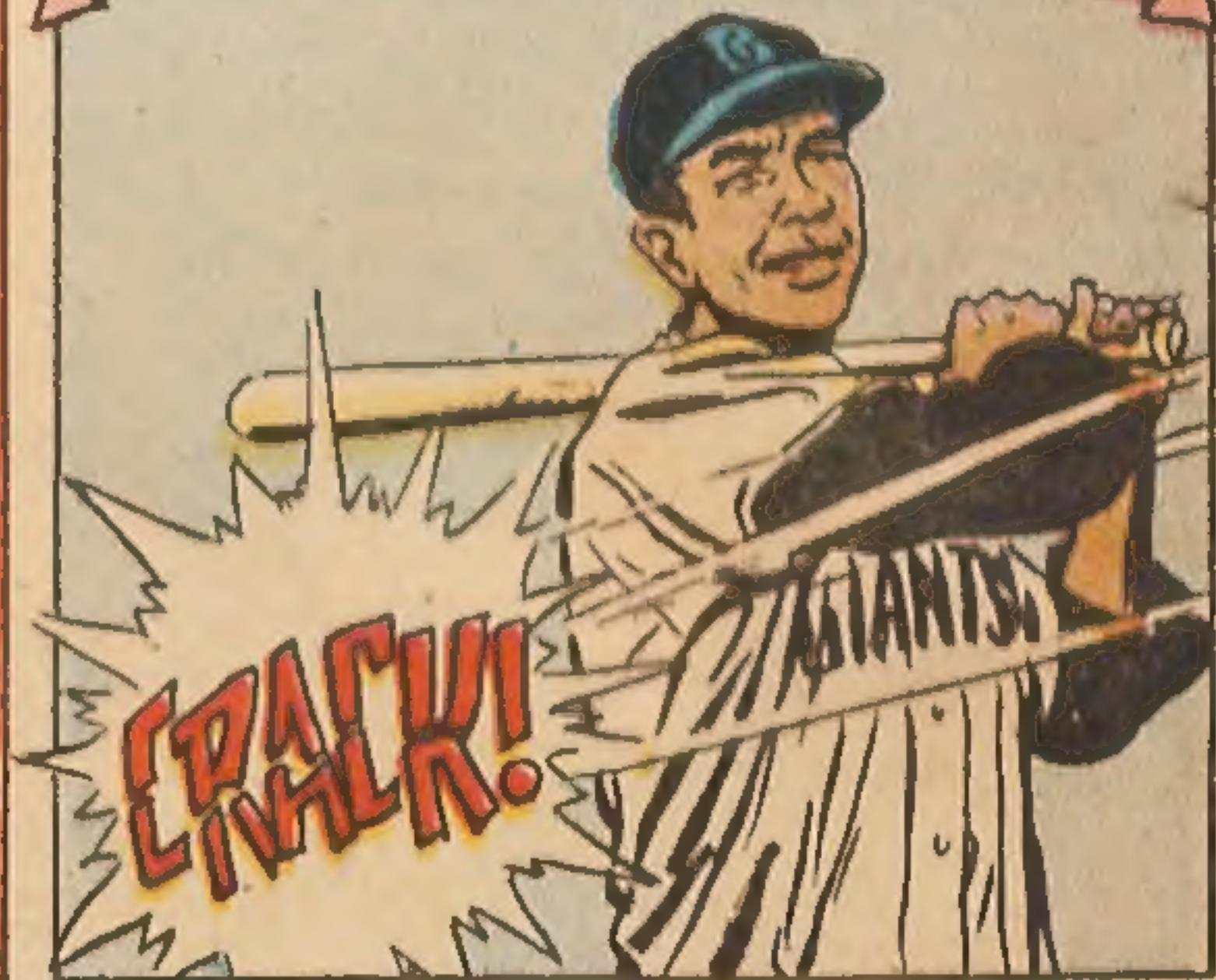


G'WAN BACK TO HIGH SCHOOL, CAMPANELLA! THIS IS A MAN'S GAME!

AND I'VE GOT A MAN-SIZED BAT, FELLOW!



A moment later, Roy slammed the ball out of the lot!



SOME SOCK, CAMPY!

I NEVER THOUGHT A FIFTEEN-YEAR OLD KID COULD HIT THAT FAR!

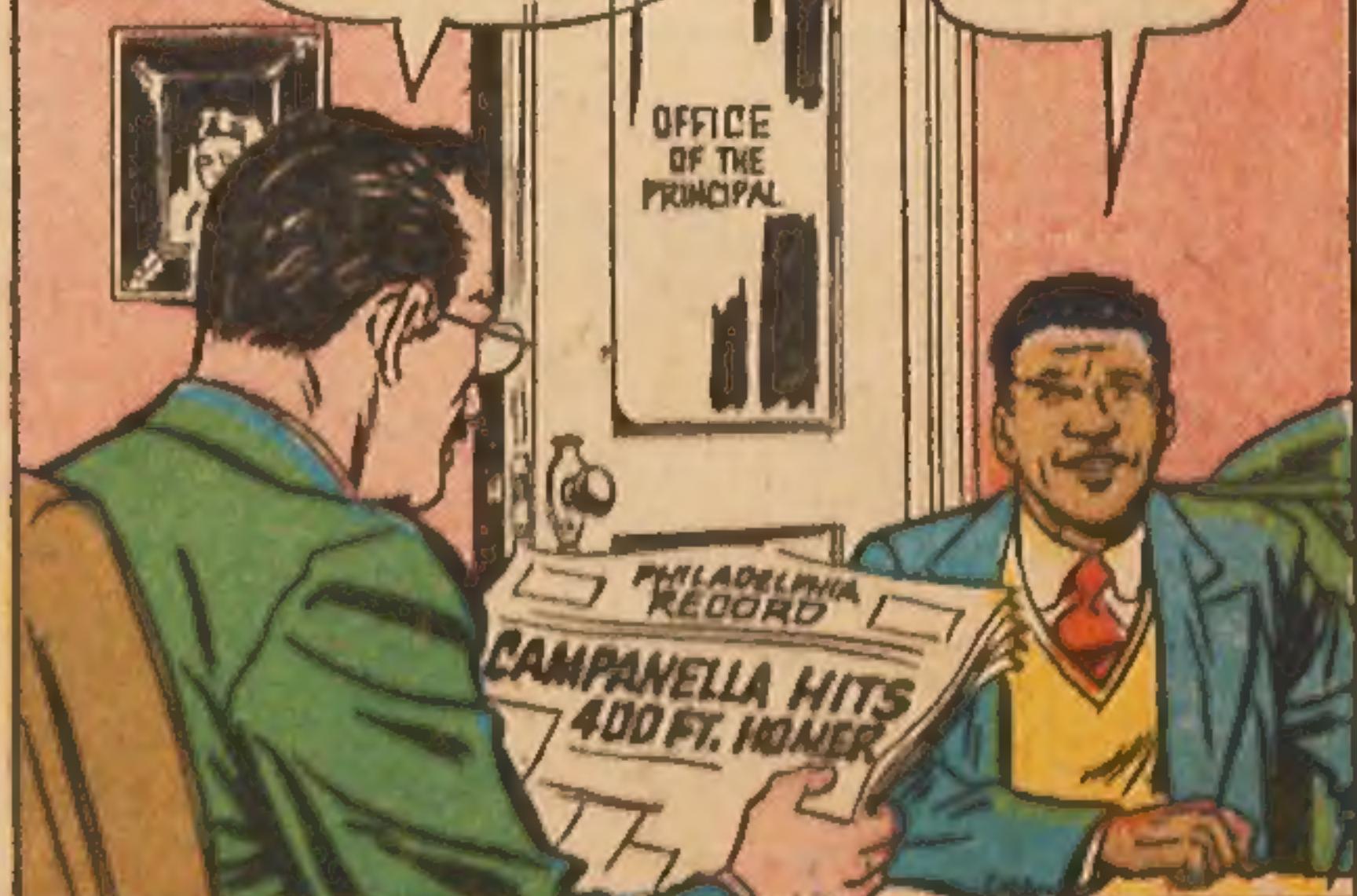
YOU KNOW IT NOW!



Roy's homer made the headlines, but...

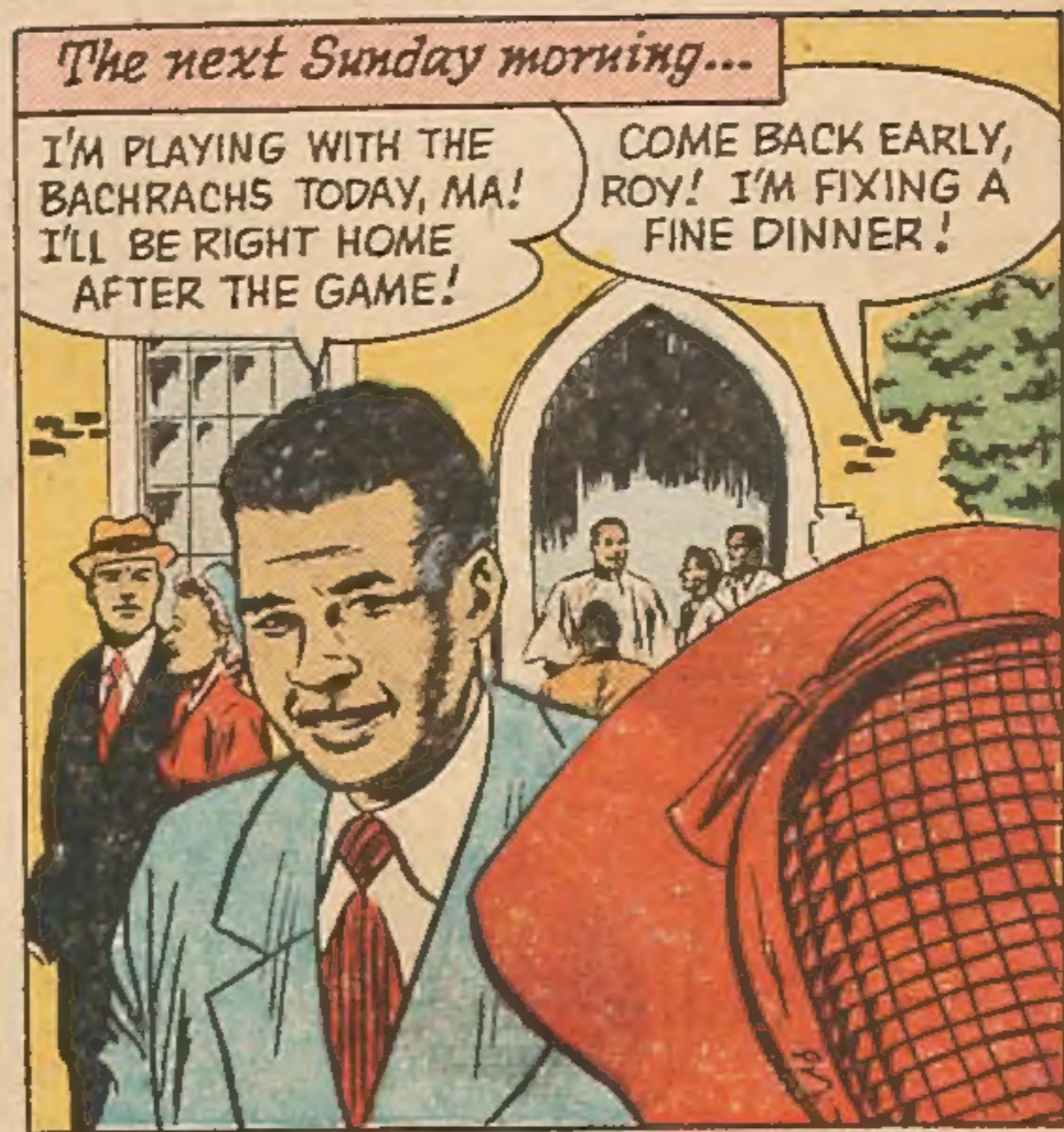
SORRY, ROY... WE'LL HAVE TO DROP YOU FROM THE SCHOOL TEAM! OUR RULES BAR BOYS WHO PLAY FOR MONEY!

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT, SIR, AND-- AND MY FAMILY NEEDS THE MONEY!

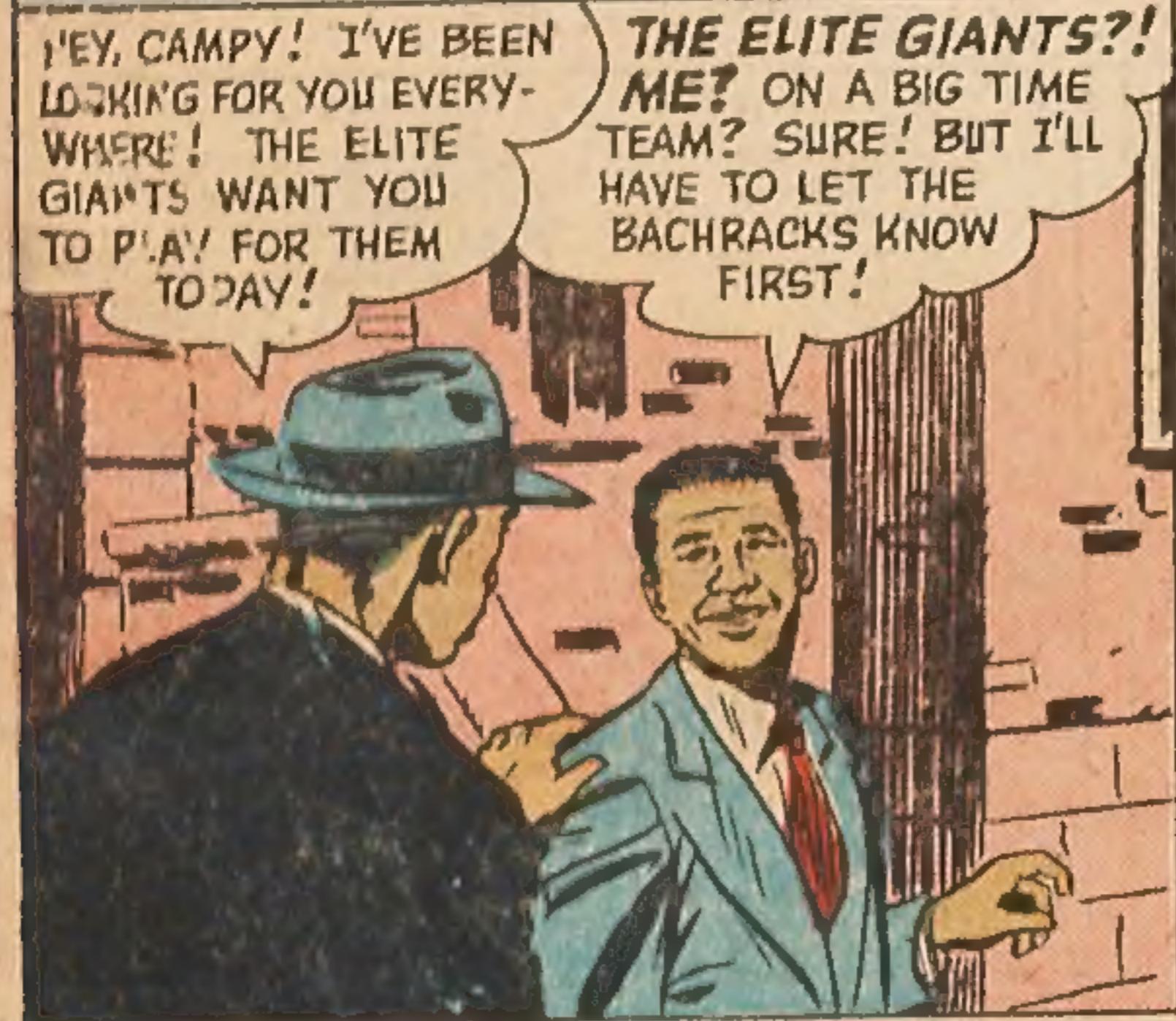


ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

In Baltimore, a few days later, scout Tom Dixon of the big-time Elite Giants, burst into Manager Biz Mackey's office!



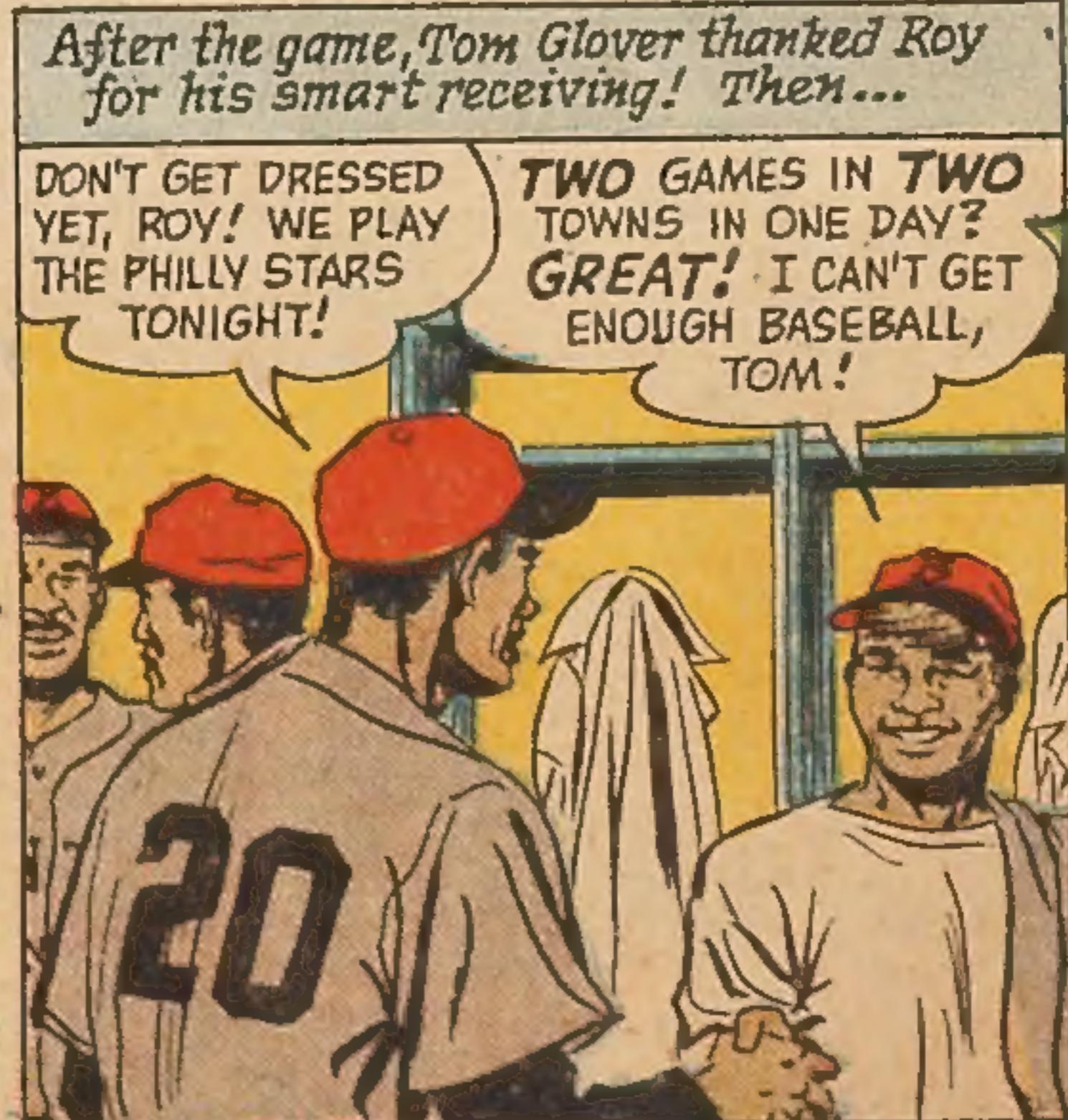
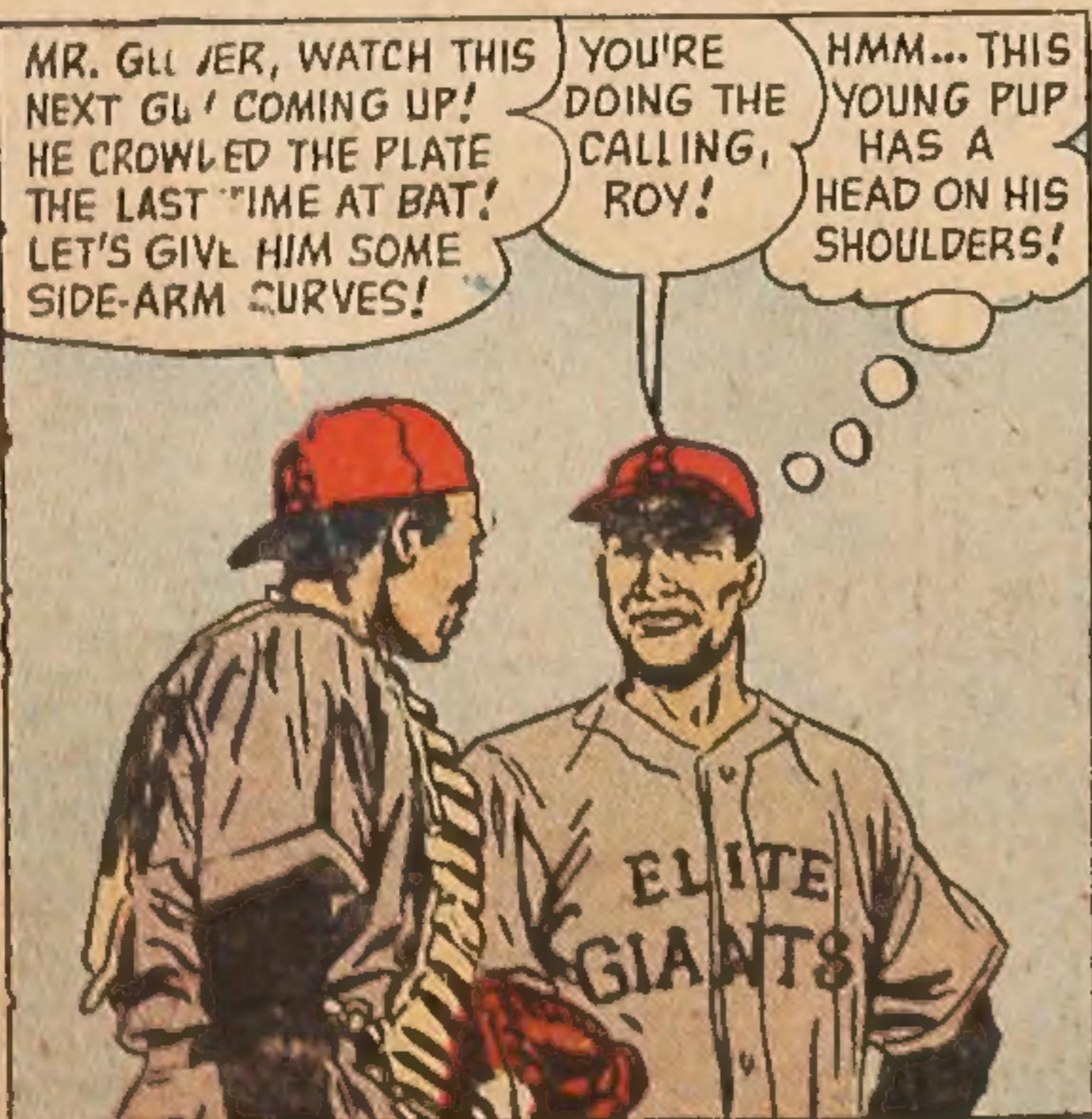
As Roy hurried down the street...



On the bus to Norristown, where the Elite Giants were playing, Roy was scared and lonely!

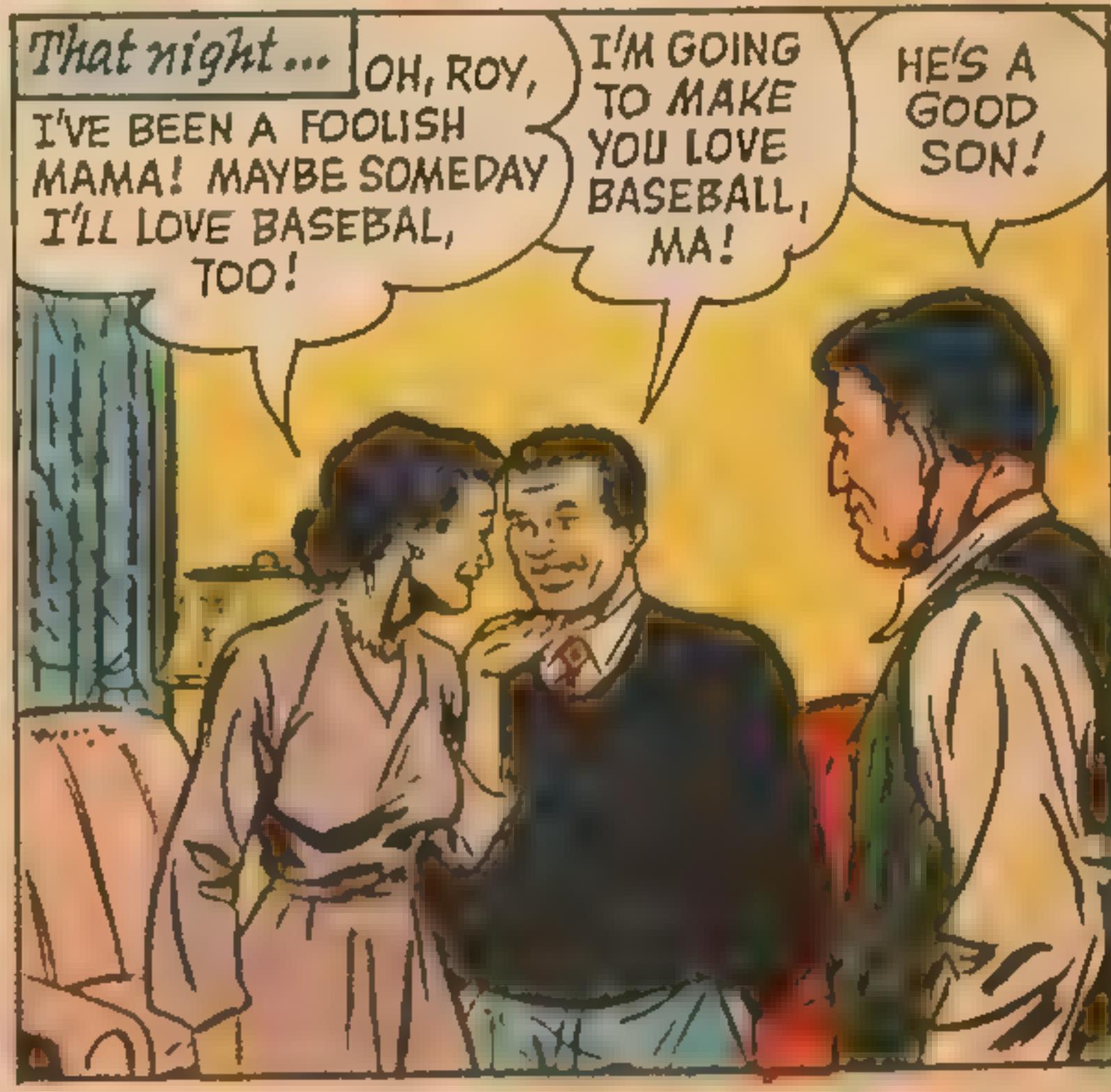
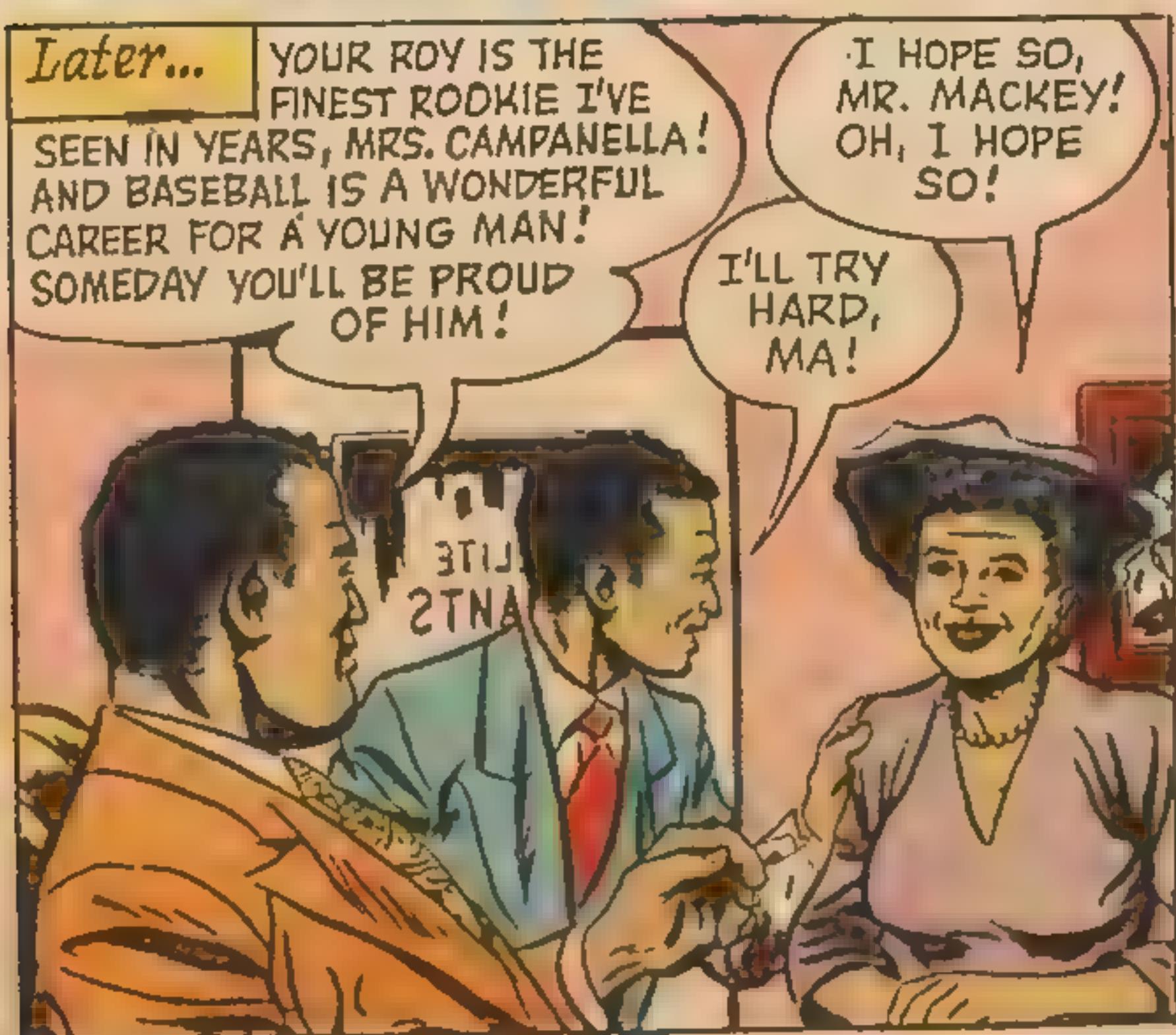
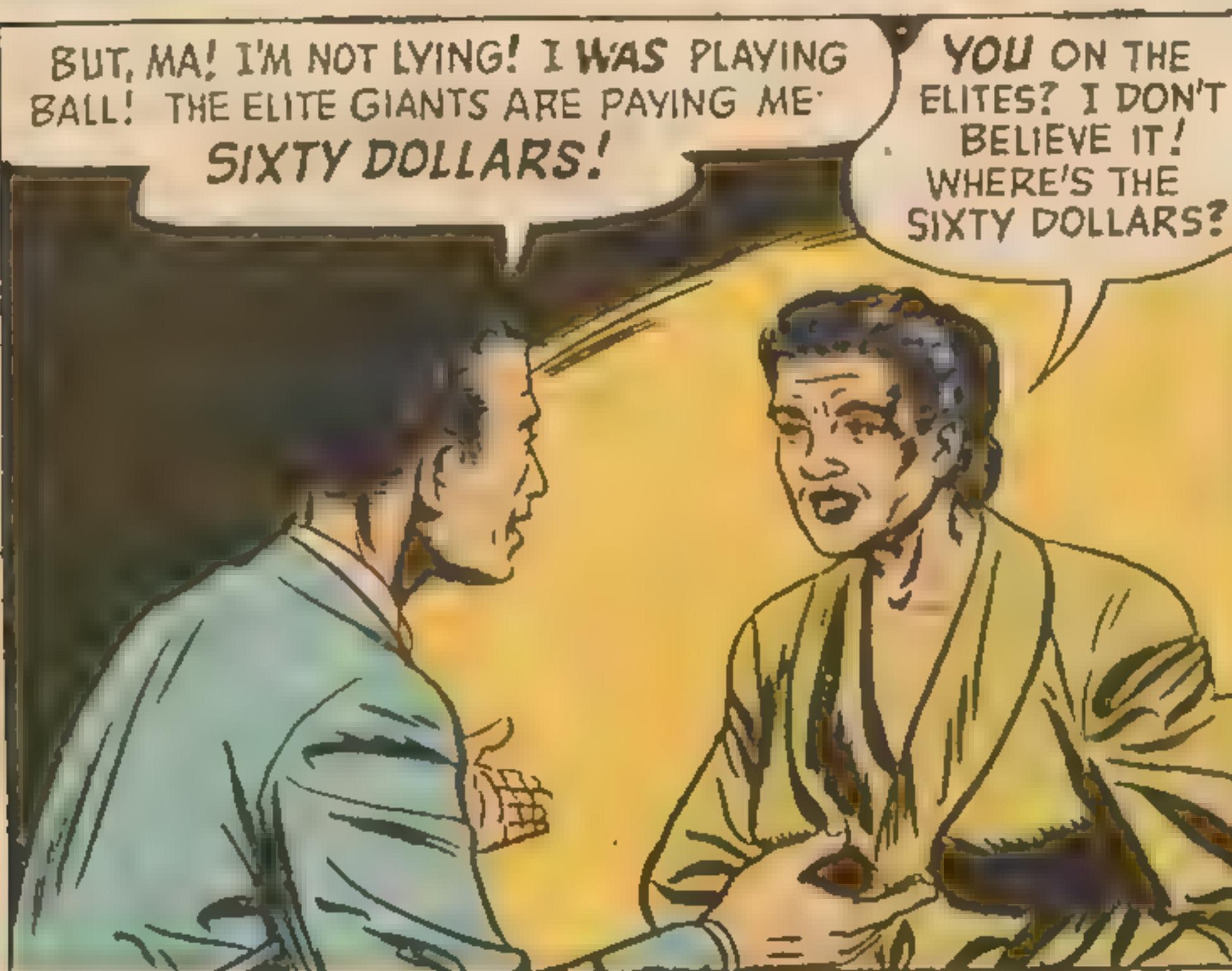
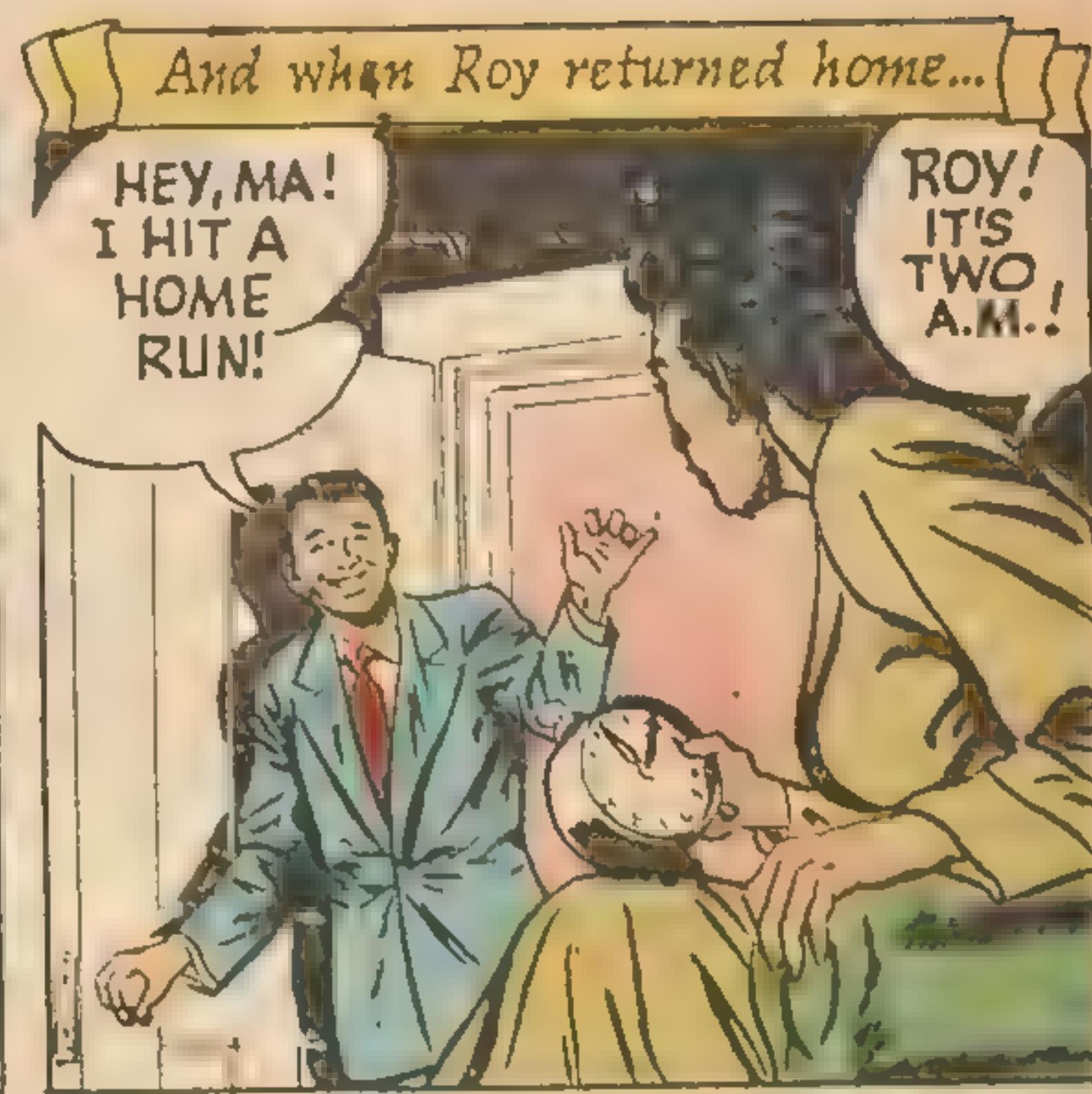
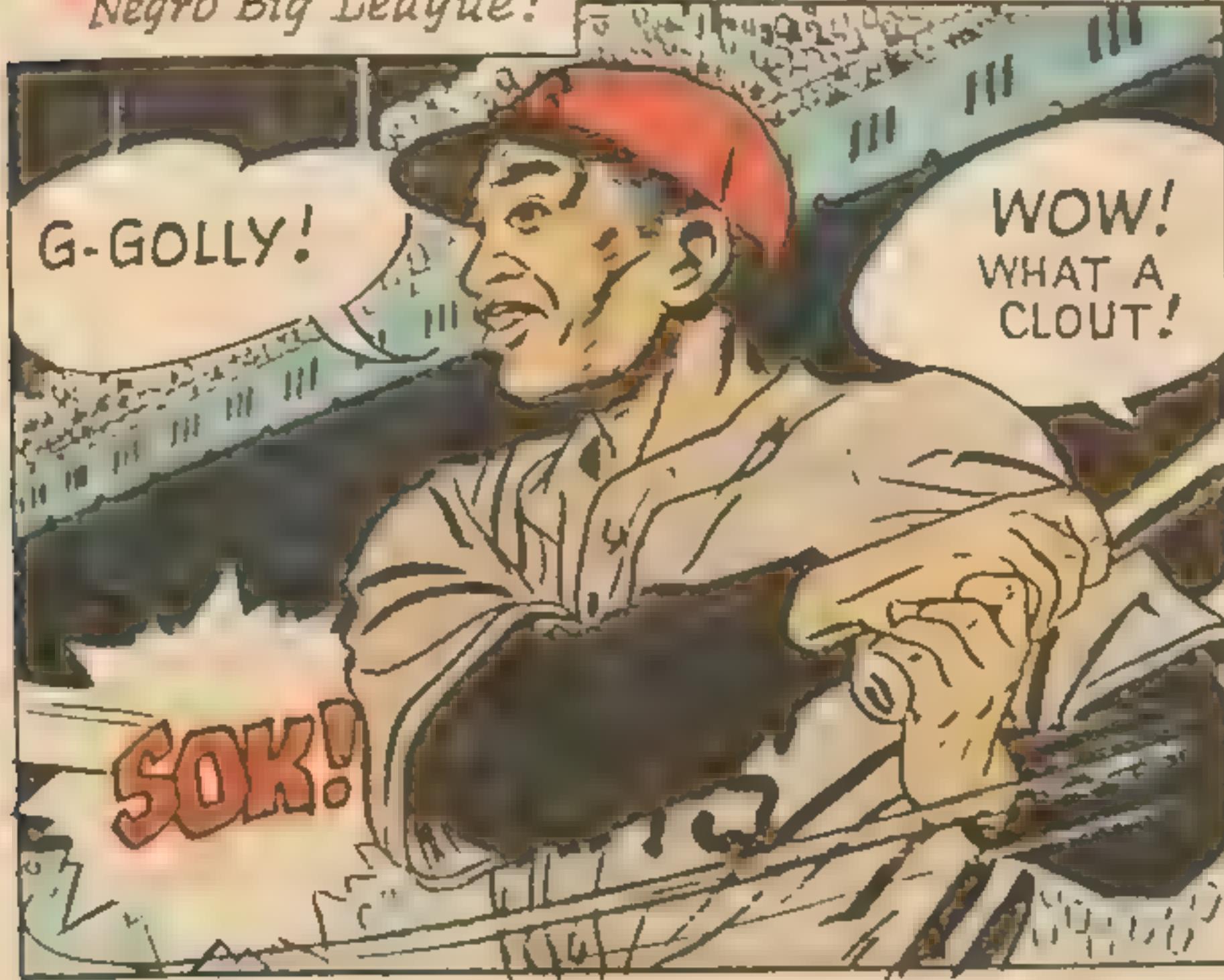


That afternoon, Roy caught Tom Glover, the Elite Giants' star curve-ball flinger!



## ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

That night, Roy hit his first home run in the Negro Big League!



ROY CAMPANELLA BASEBALL HERO



Every boy dreams of the day when he will play big-time ball! But at fifteen, Roy Campanella was already in the Negro majors, starring before thousands of admiring fans, on his way toward stardom and glory! He was a champion from the start!

During spring training, older players kidded Roy constantly!

GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM AND MAKE UP YOUR BED BEFORE YOU LEAVE THIS HOTEL, CAMPY!

HA, HA!

BRING ME A BUCKET OF STEAM, ROY!

POOR KID!

YES, SIR!

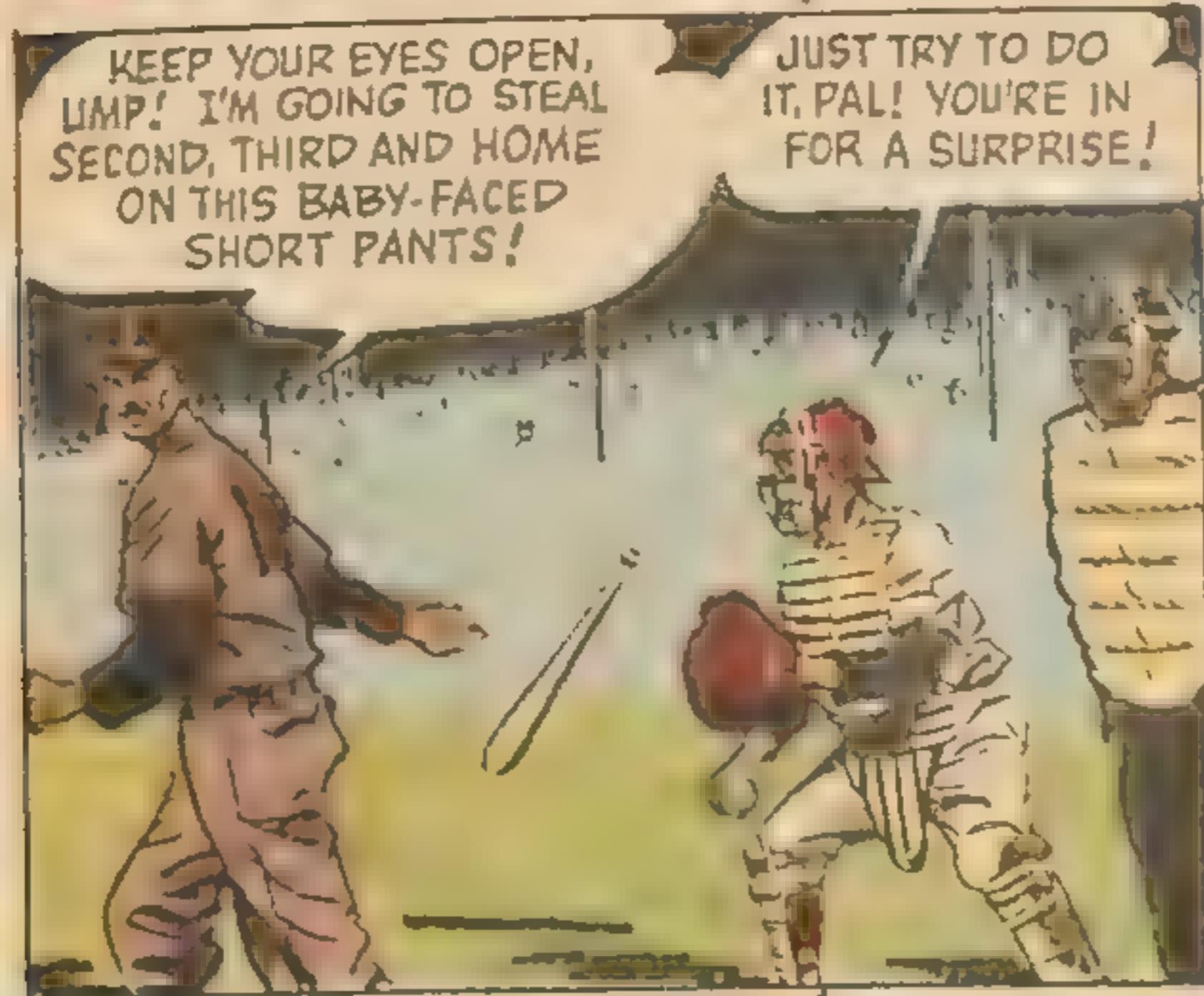
A few minutes later...

I CAN'T FIND THE STEAM, SIR!  
THAT'S ALL RIGHT, ROY!  
NOW YOU'RE A REAL BIG LEAGUER! WE WERE ONLY HAZING YOU!



## ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

In the season's opening game against the Newark Eagles, the first batter walked!



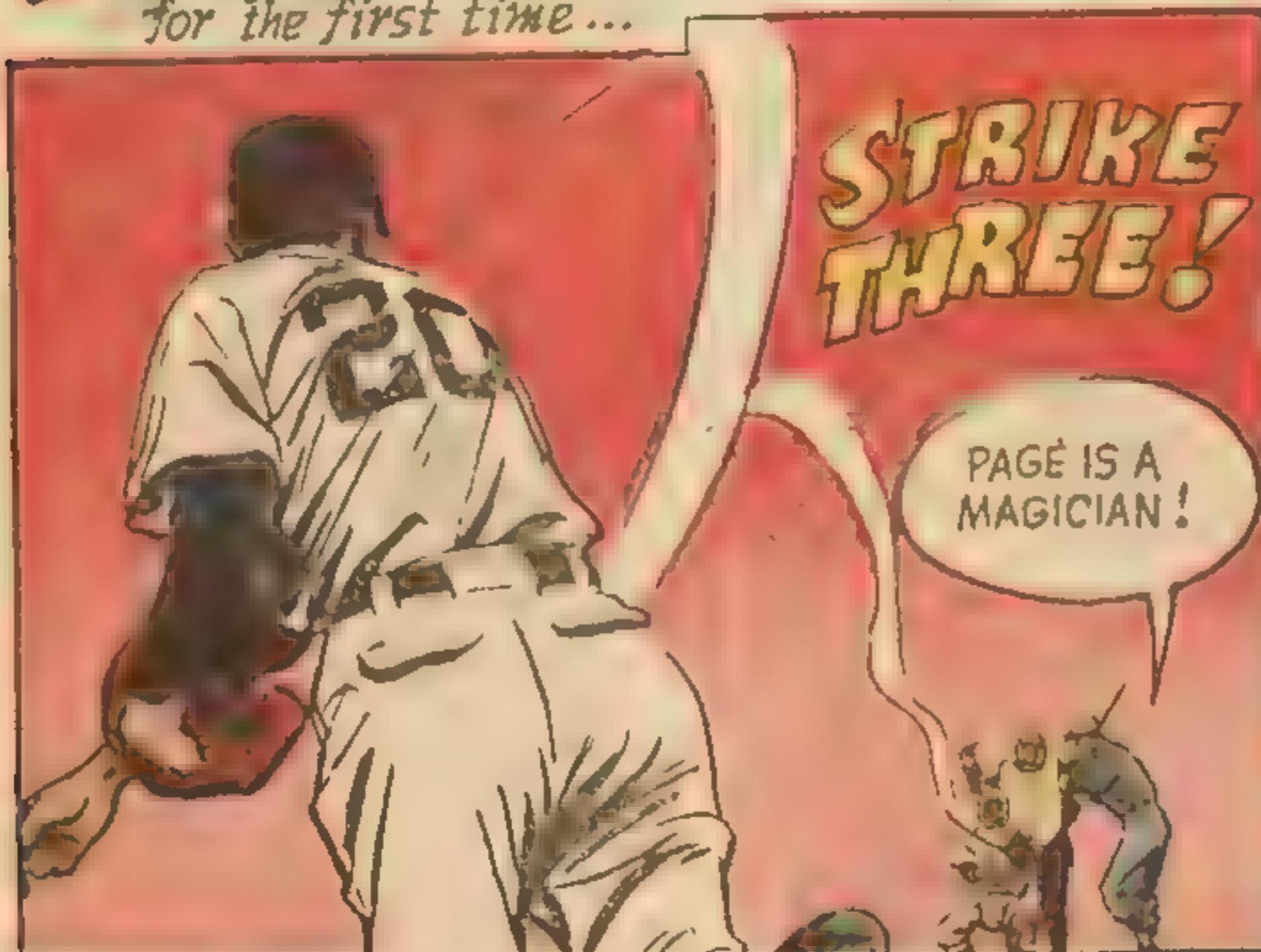
On the next pitch, the runner tried to steal second, and...

THAT KID THROWS LIKE A BULLET!

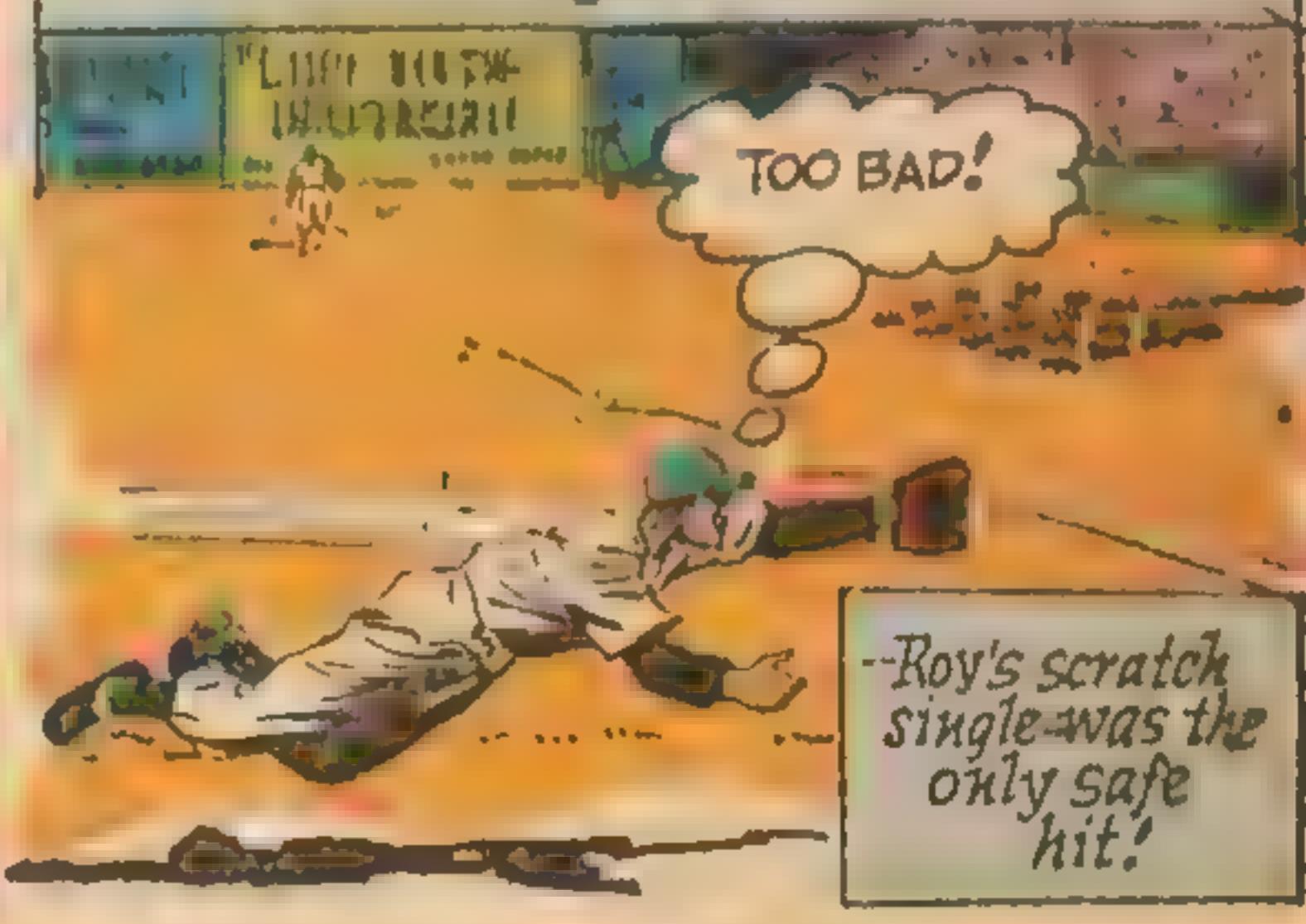
OUT!

Roy threw out two more base-stealers and hit a home run before the game ended!

When Roy batted against the great Satchel Paige for the first time...

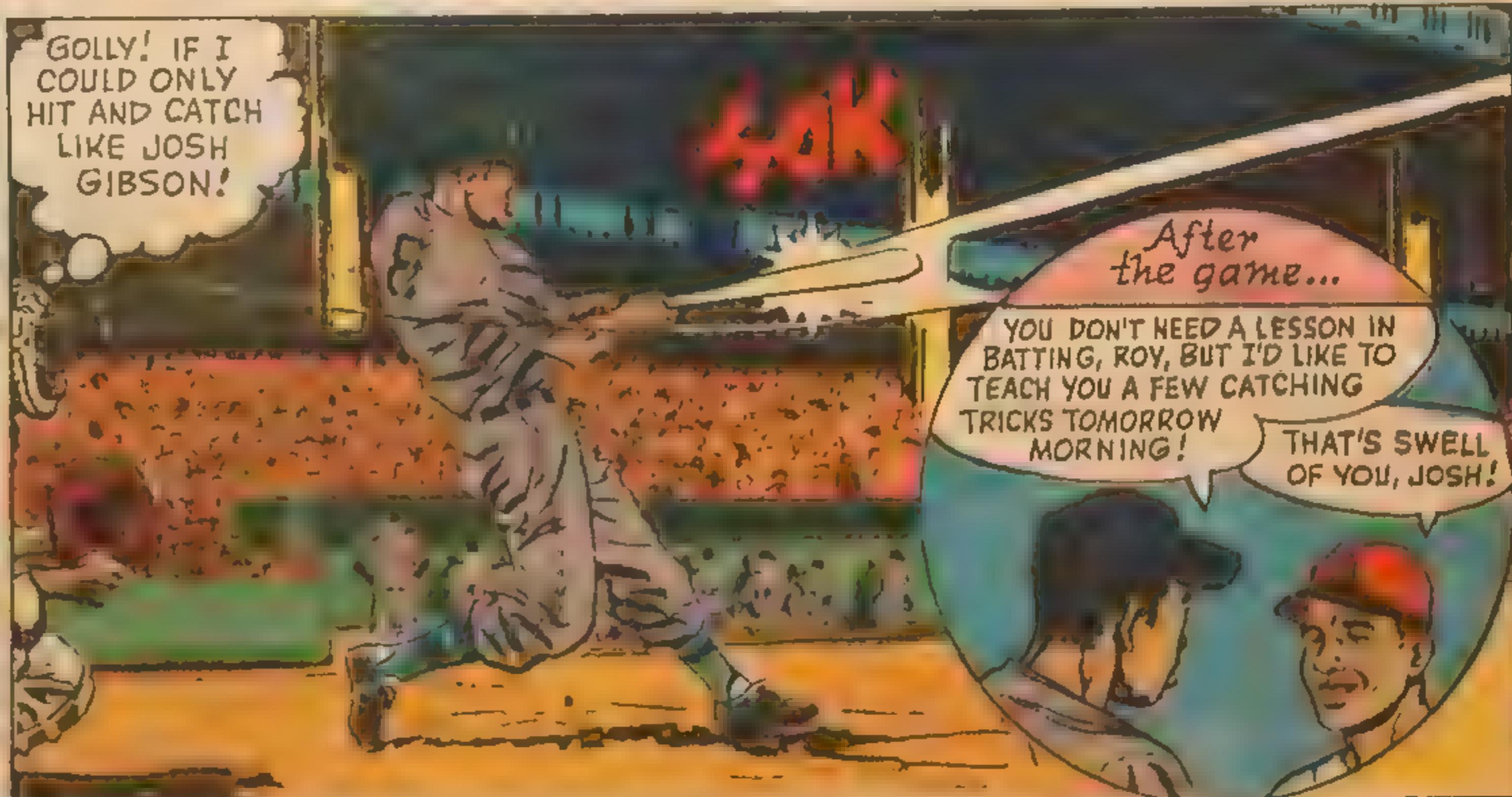


Blazing his fireball with uncanny control, pitcher Paige blanked the Elites with no hits for eight innings, but in the ninth, Roy belted a single to right!



At Yankee Stadium that spring, Roy saw his boyhood hero, Josh Gibson, peerless catcher and super-swatter, drive a colossal home run!

GOLLY! IF I COULD ONLY HIT AND CATCH LIKE JOSH GIBSON!



## ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

The next morning...

WHEN GIVING THE SIGN TO THE PITCHER,  
PLACE YOUR HANDS DEEP INSIDE YOUR  
THIGHS SO THAT BATTERS, BASE-RUNNERS  
AND COACHES CAN'T STEAL IT! LAY YOUR  
RIGHT HAND AGAINST YOUR RIGHT THIGH,  
FINGERS GIVING CODE SIGN!

AS SOON AS YOUR PITCHER GETS THE SIGN,  
RAISE YOUR MITT INTO TARGET POSITION!  
THIS WILL GREATLY IMPROVE  
HIS CONTROL!

AS YOUR PITCHER ENDS HIS  
WINDUP, SNAP UP INTO AN ERECT  
POSITION SO YOU CAN GO AFTER  
WILD PITCHES!

WITH RUNNERS ON BASE, STEP  
FORWARD AGGRESSIVELY AFTER  
RECEIVING THE PITCH, ARM COCKED  
TO THROW! THIS MAY DELAY  
RUNNERS IN ATTEMPTS  
TO STEAL!

ON SNAP THROWS TO FIRST  
OR THIRD, AIM FOR THE BAG!  
IT'S THE FIELDER'S JOB TO BE  
THERE! IN A RUN DOWN, AIM  
CLOSE TO THE RUNNER! HE MAY  
DUCK OR LOSE A STEP TO  
AVOID BEING HIT!

NEVER BLINK WHEN GOING AFTER A FOUL  
FLY! KEEP YOUR EYES ON IT UNTIL YOU HAVE  
IT IN YOUR MITT OR IT'S IN THE STANDS! YOUR  
TEAMMATES WILL WARN YOU FROM CRASHING  
INTO THE STANDS OR DUGOUT!

THANKS A MILLION, MR. GIBSON!  
YOU'VE HELPED ME  
A LOT!

GOOD LUCK TO YOU,  
ROY! I HOPE YOU  
MAKE GOOD!

## ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

By May 1935, Roy Campanella was hitting .400! A fifteen-year-old sensation who was tearing up the league, he was hailed as "the greatest rookie prospect in years!" And the Elite Giants became a leading contender for the Negro League Flag!

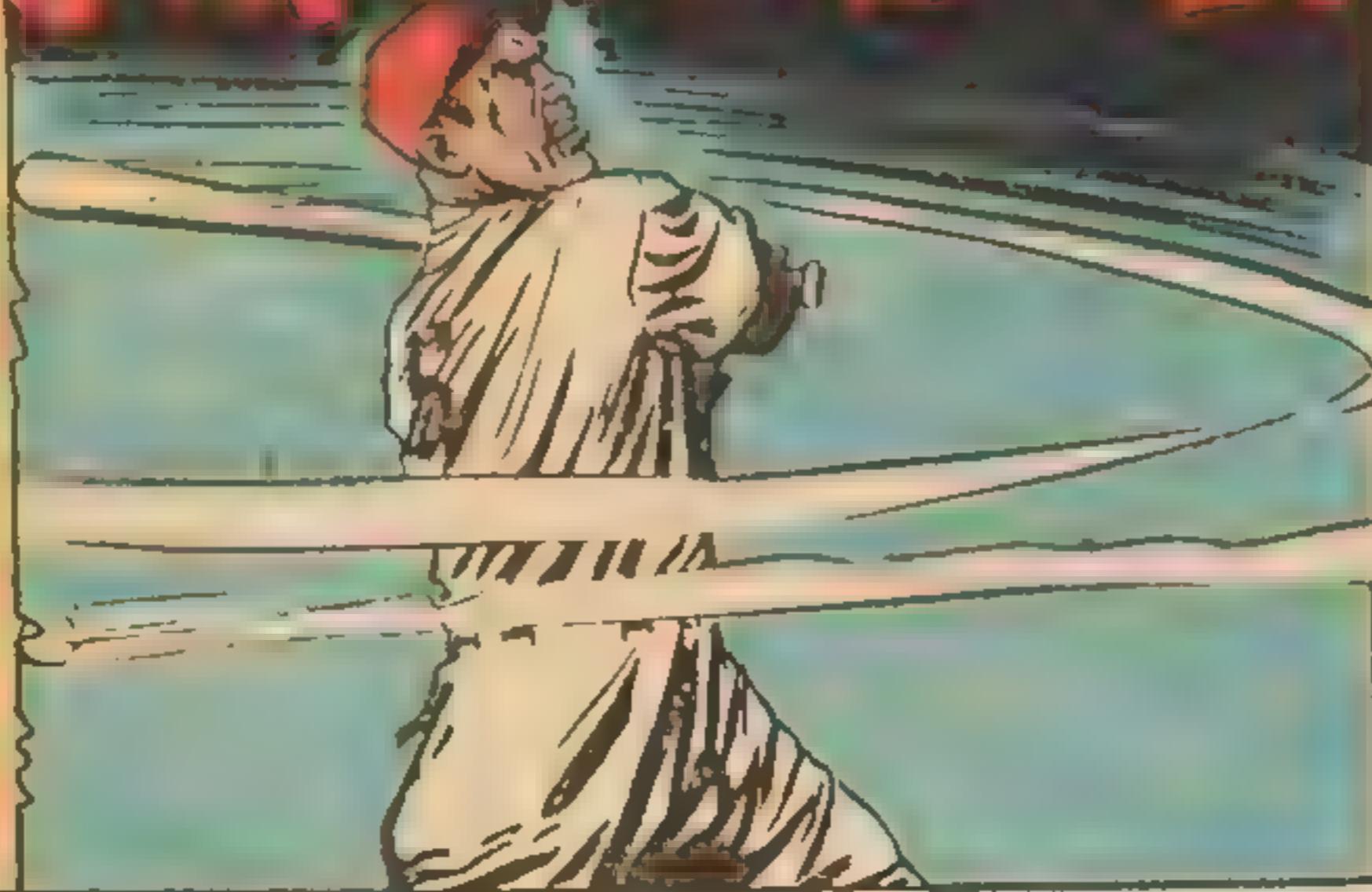
GRAYS 000000100  
GIANTS 000000000

On the season's last day, the Homestead Grays and the Giants were tied for the lead! In the ninth, with one out, Bill Wright, Elite Giant slugger, slashed a line-drive double down the foul line! Then Bill Hoskins beat out a bunt, moving Wright over to third base!



Hard-hitting Horse Walker tried to slam the ball out of the lot, but...

# STRIKE THREE!



It was up to Roy! If he went out, the pennant was lost! Manager Mackey hesitated...

WAIT A MINUTE, ROY!

YES, MR. MACKEY...?



Would a veteran pinch-hitter do better than a school-boy sensation?

But Roy knew what was on Mackey's mind!

I'LL GET A HIT, MR. MACKEY!  
LET ME STAY IN!

OKAY, ROY!  
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!



Roy was as good as his word! The first pitch and...



...he belted a long double to win the game and the flag for his team! He was the toast of Baltimore fans that day!

## ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

Meanwhile, Roy continued his high-school studies!

LET'S SEE THE EQUATION,  
ROY!

$$(A+B)(A+B) = A^2 + 2AB + B^2$$

In 1939, Roy received two awards...

YOU HAVE YOUR DIPLOMA, ROY! THIS IS  
YOUR HONOR MEDAL IN  
DRAFTSMANSHIP!

THANK YOU,  
SIR!

BALTIMORE IS PROUD OF YOU, ROY!  
YOU ARE THE LEAGUE'S MOST  
VALUABLE PLAYER!

THANK YOU,  
MR. MAYOR!

The Elites won the 1939 pennant! In the  
playoff with the Philly Stars, Roy hit a home-  
run, double and single to bat in five runs!  
After the game...

FOR ROY'S A JOLLY  
GOOD FELLOW! (GULP!) GOLLY!  
I FEEL LIKE  
CELEBRATING!

On a vacation in New York, Roy  
visited the 1939 World's Fair!

THE WORLD OF  
TOMORROW!  
GOSH!

Roy watched the famous  
Olympic Girls' Basketball  
Team play that night!

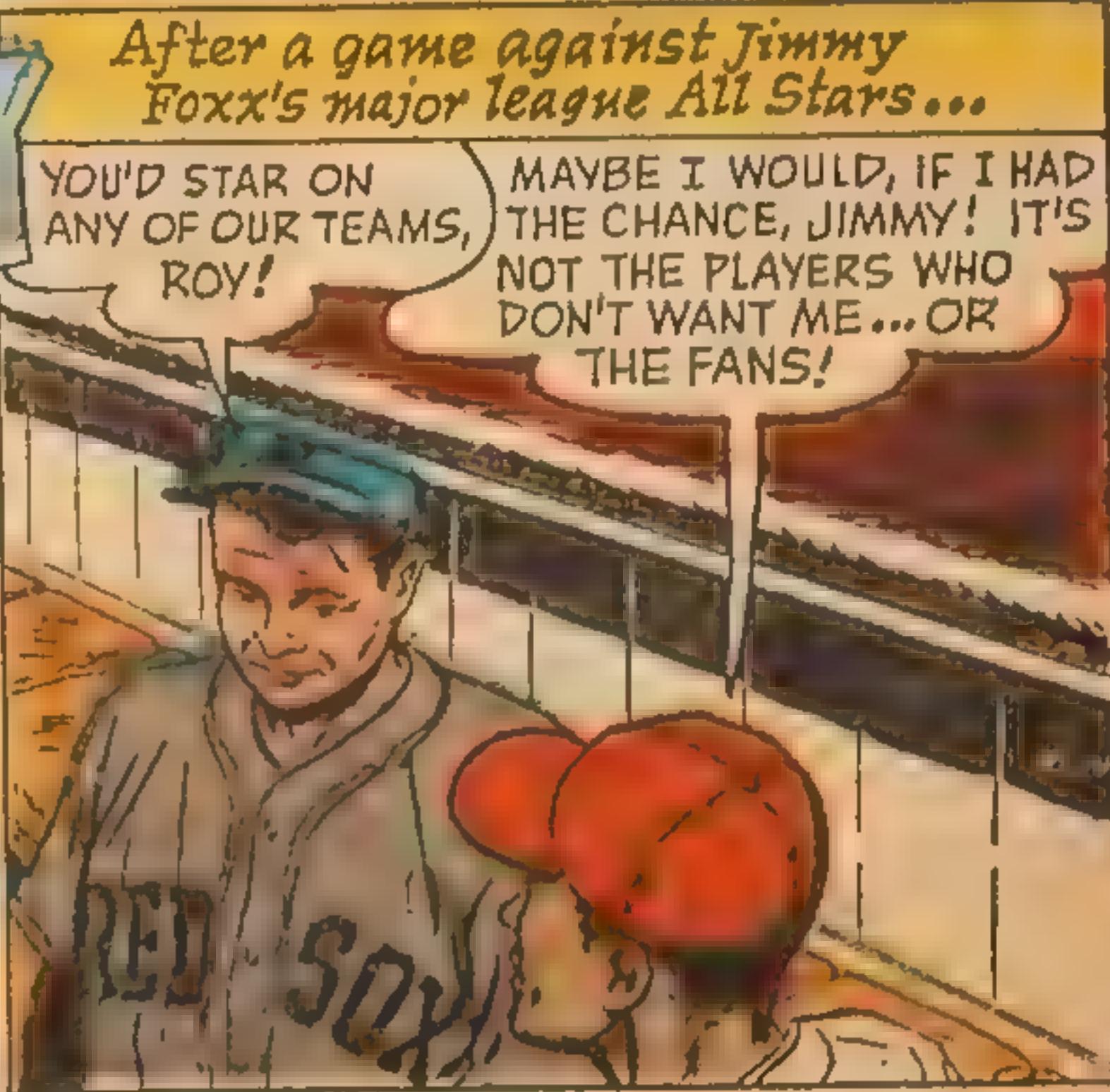
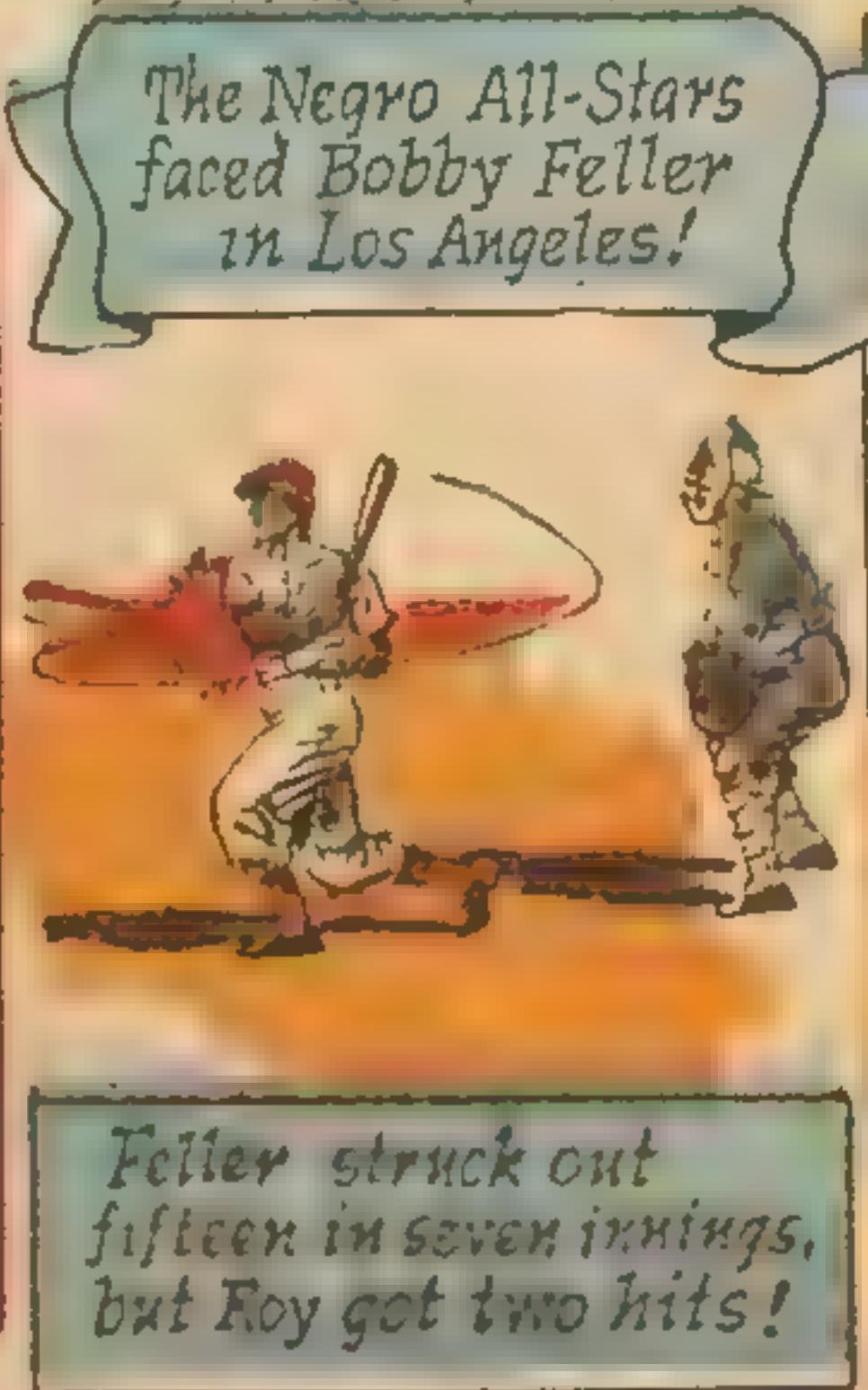
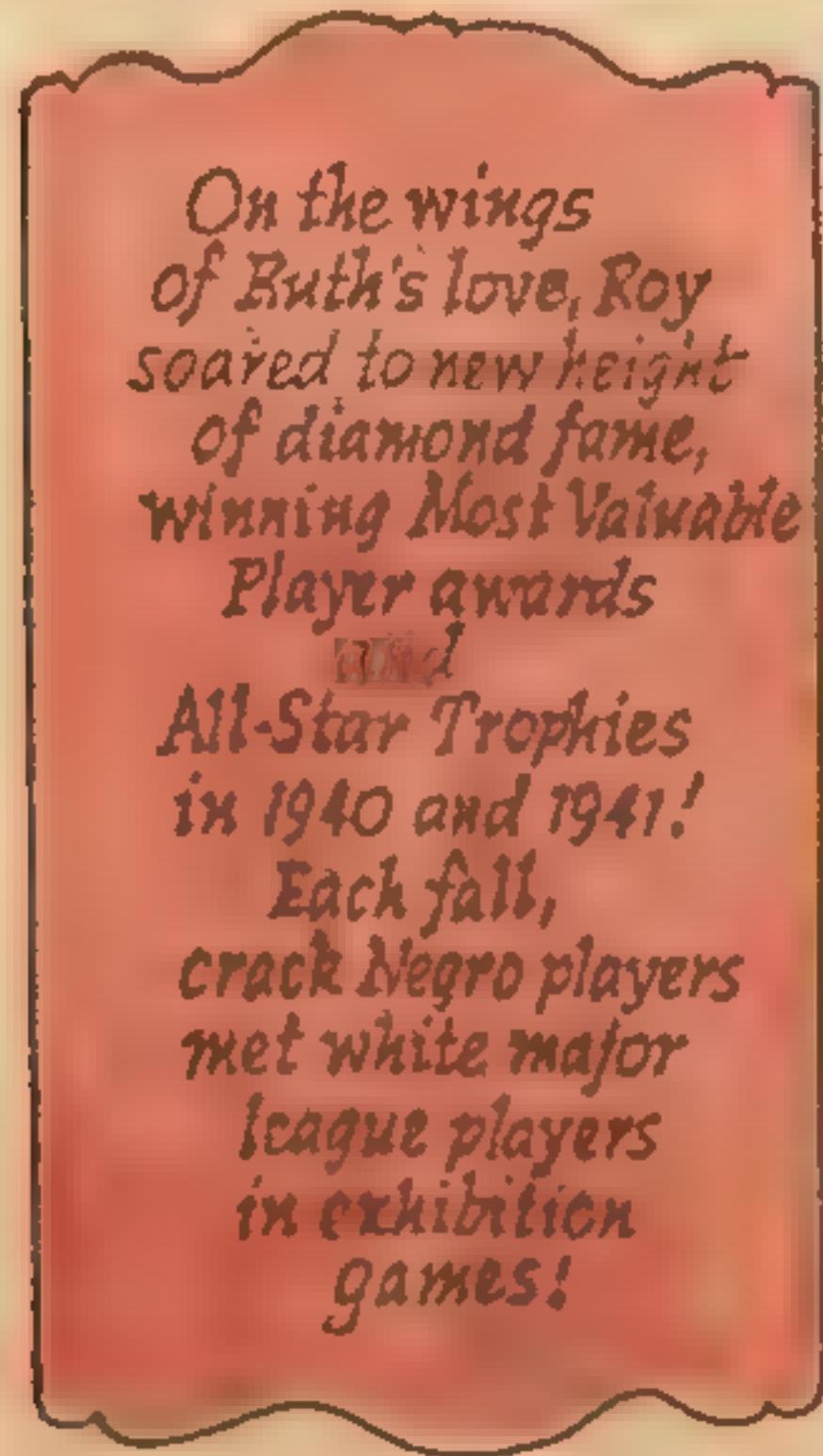
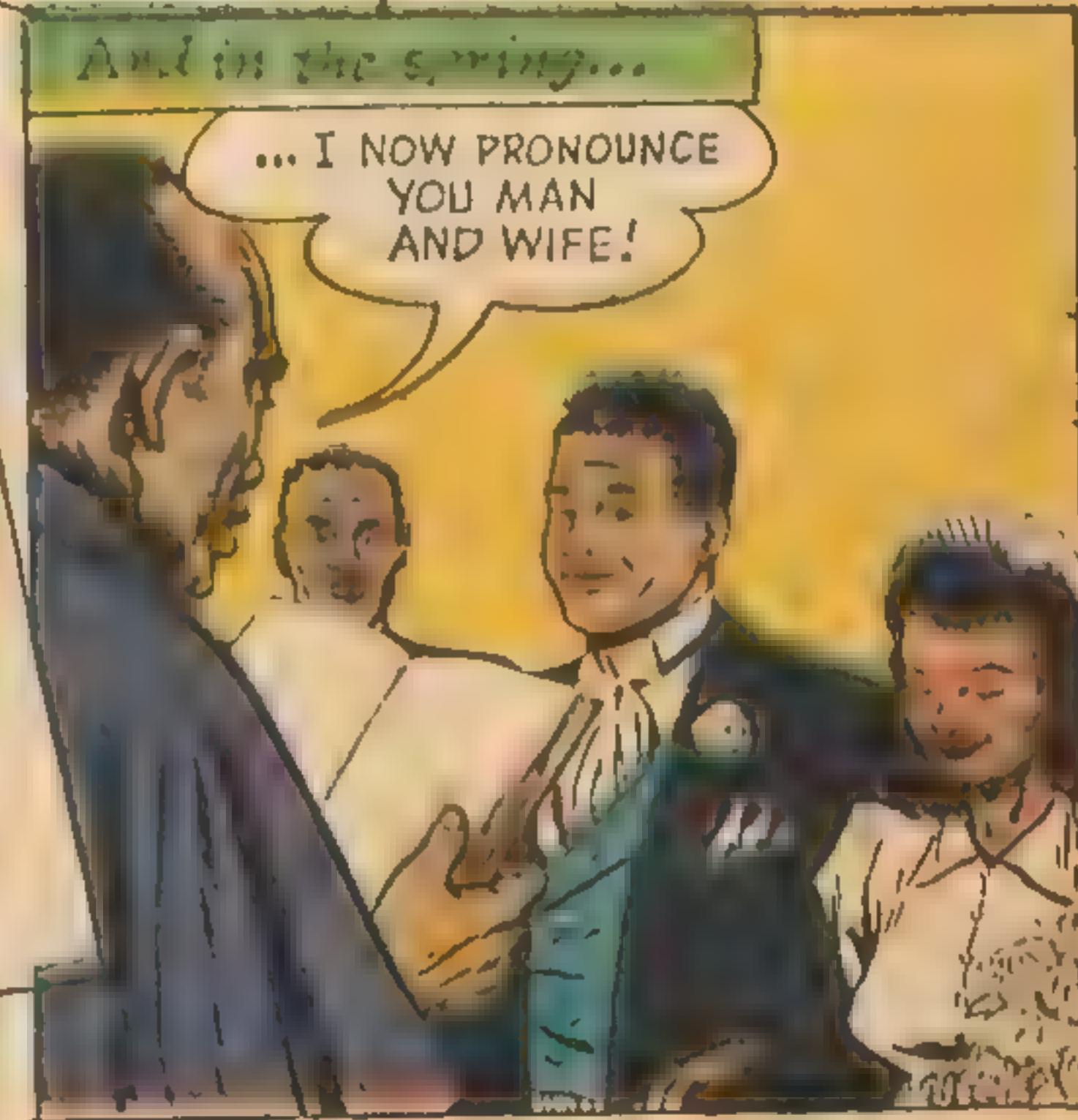
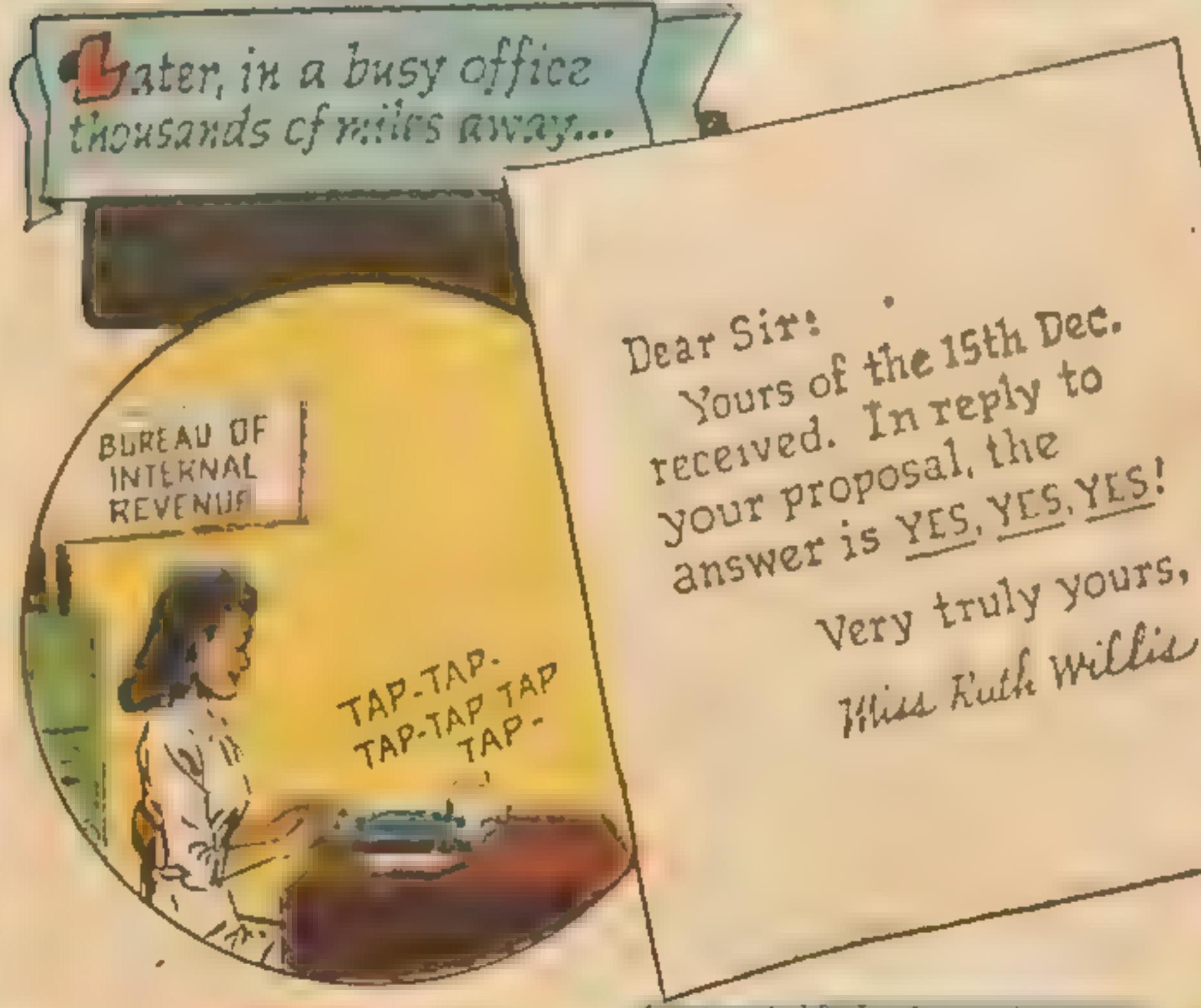
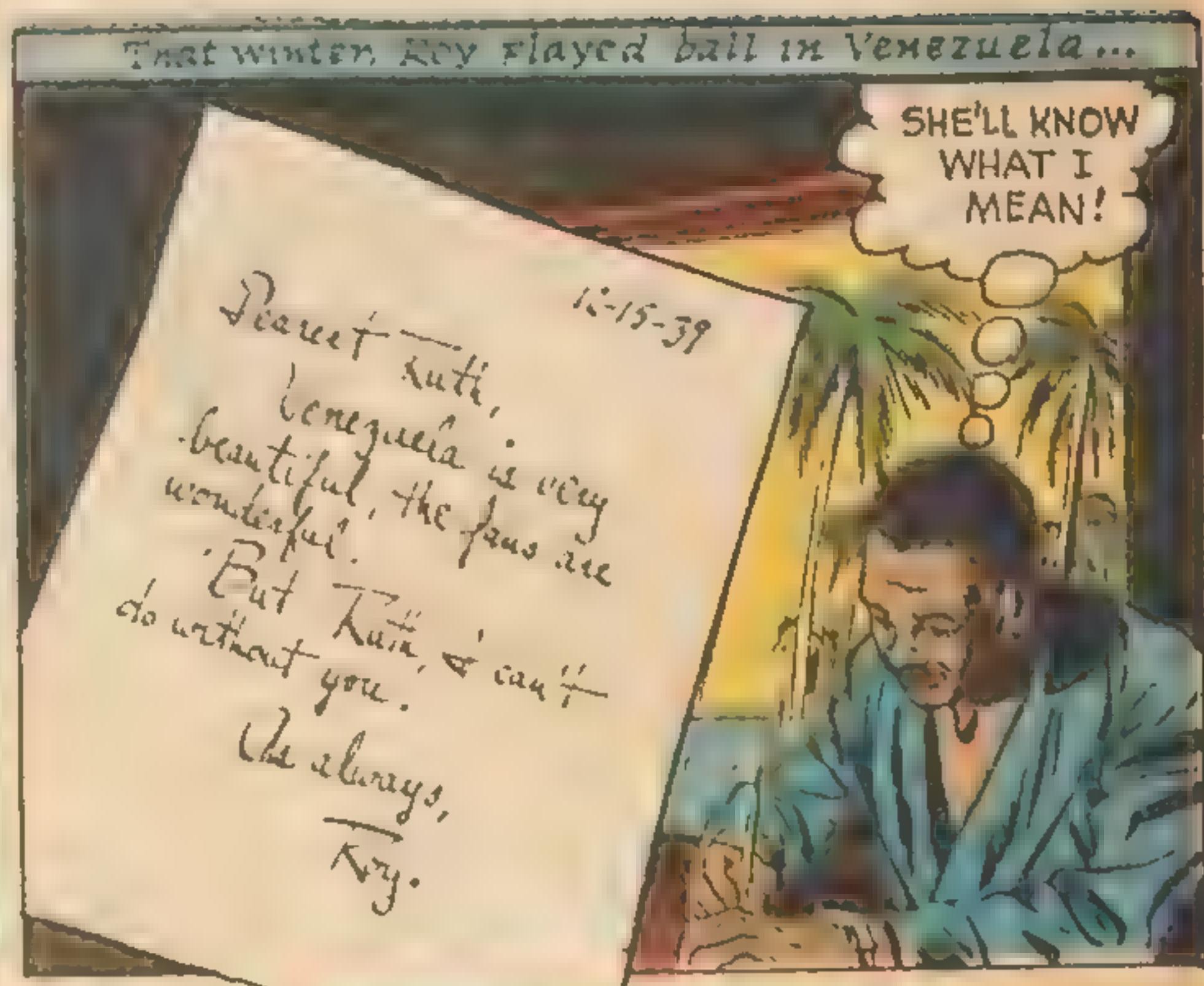
SHE'S  
SOME  
PLAYER!  
BASKET FOR  
NUMBER THREE,  
RUTH  
WILLIS!

Later...

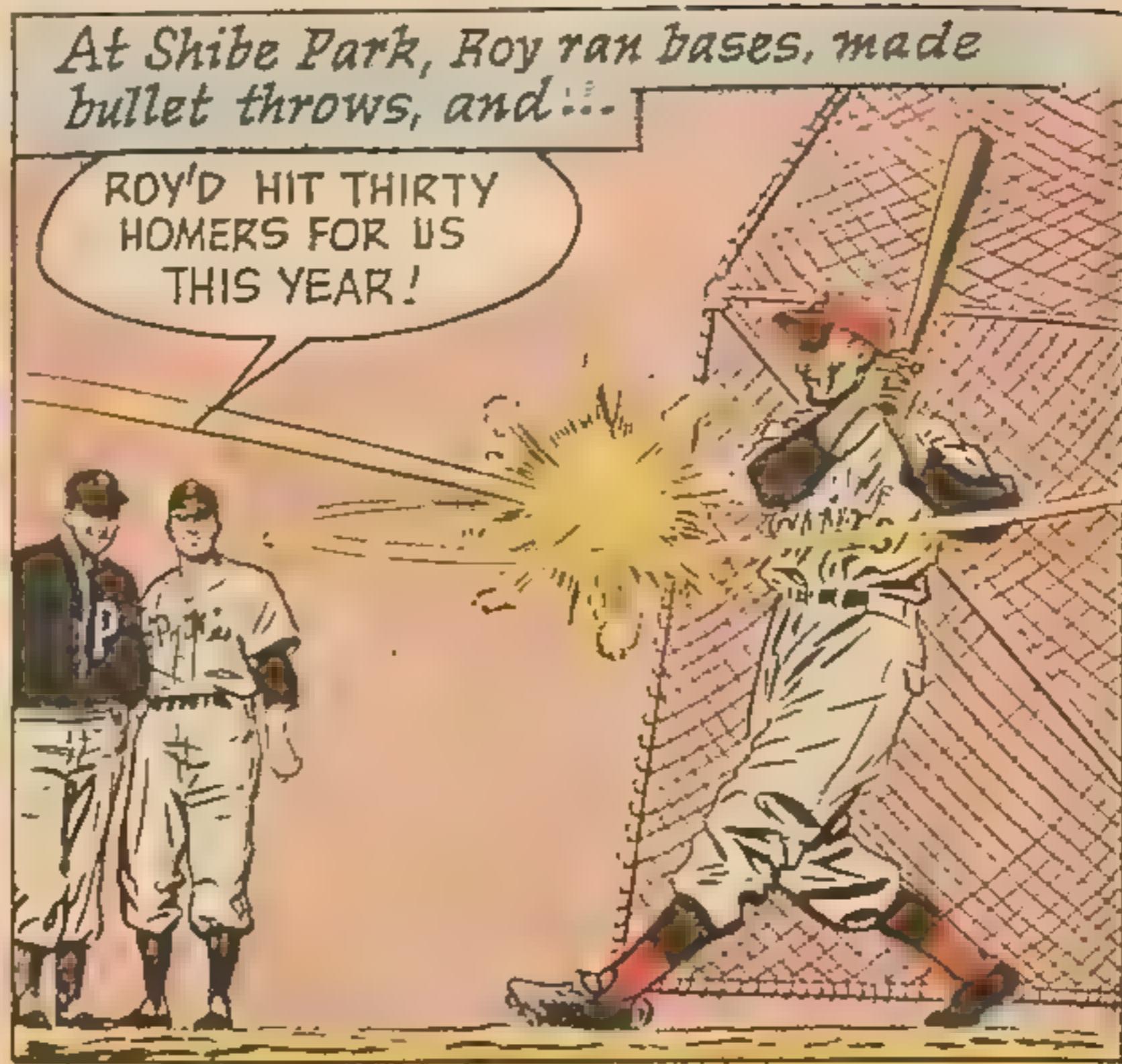
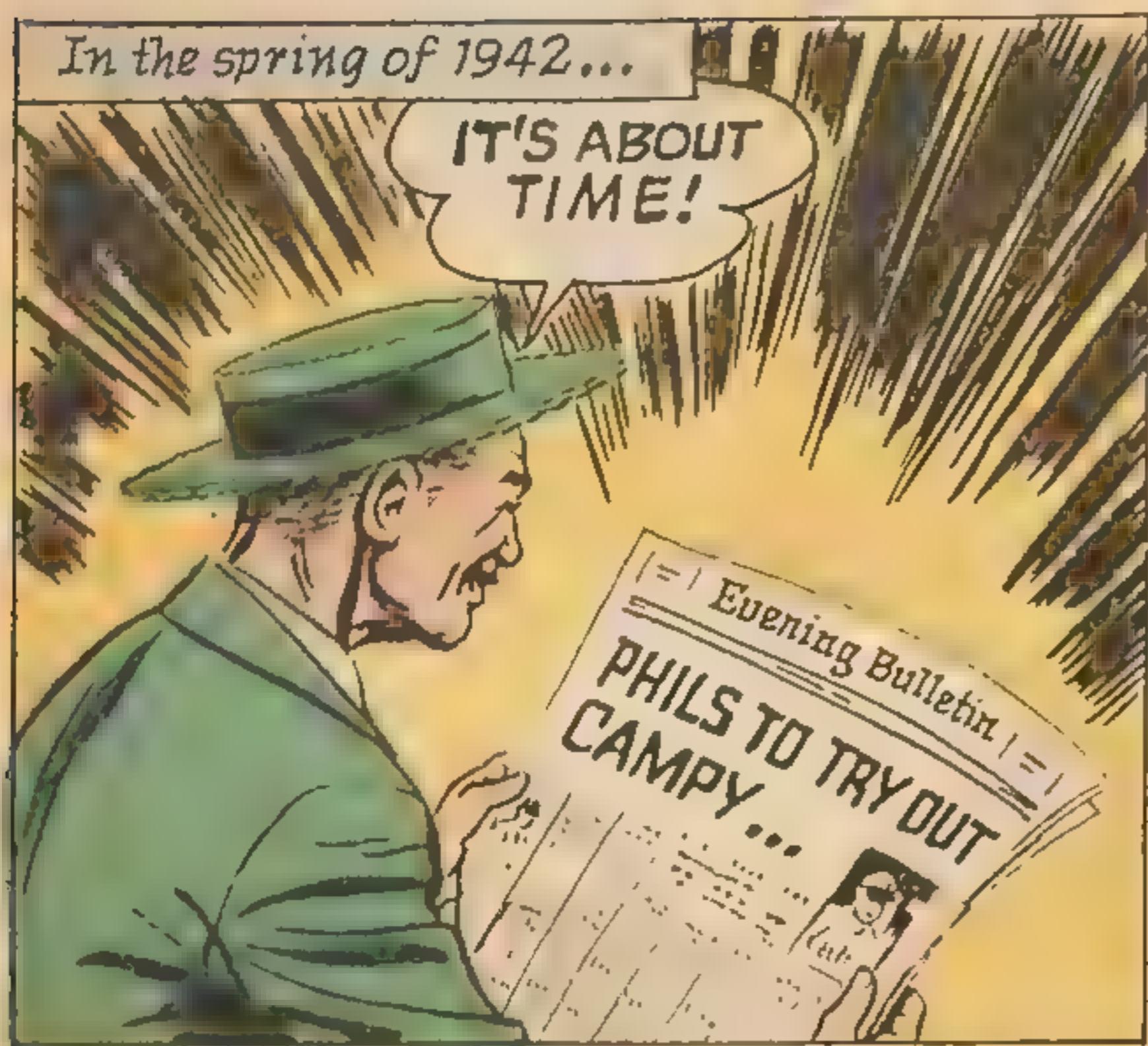
MY SISTER, GLADYS,  
IS QUITE A  
BASKETBALL  
PLAYER, MISS  
WILLIS!

AND I HEAR  
YOU ARE QUITE  
A BASEBALL  
PLAYER, MR.  
CAMPANELLA!

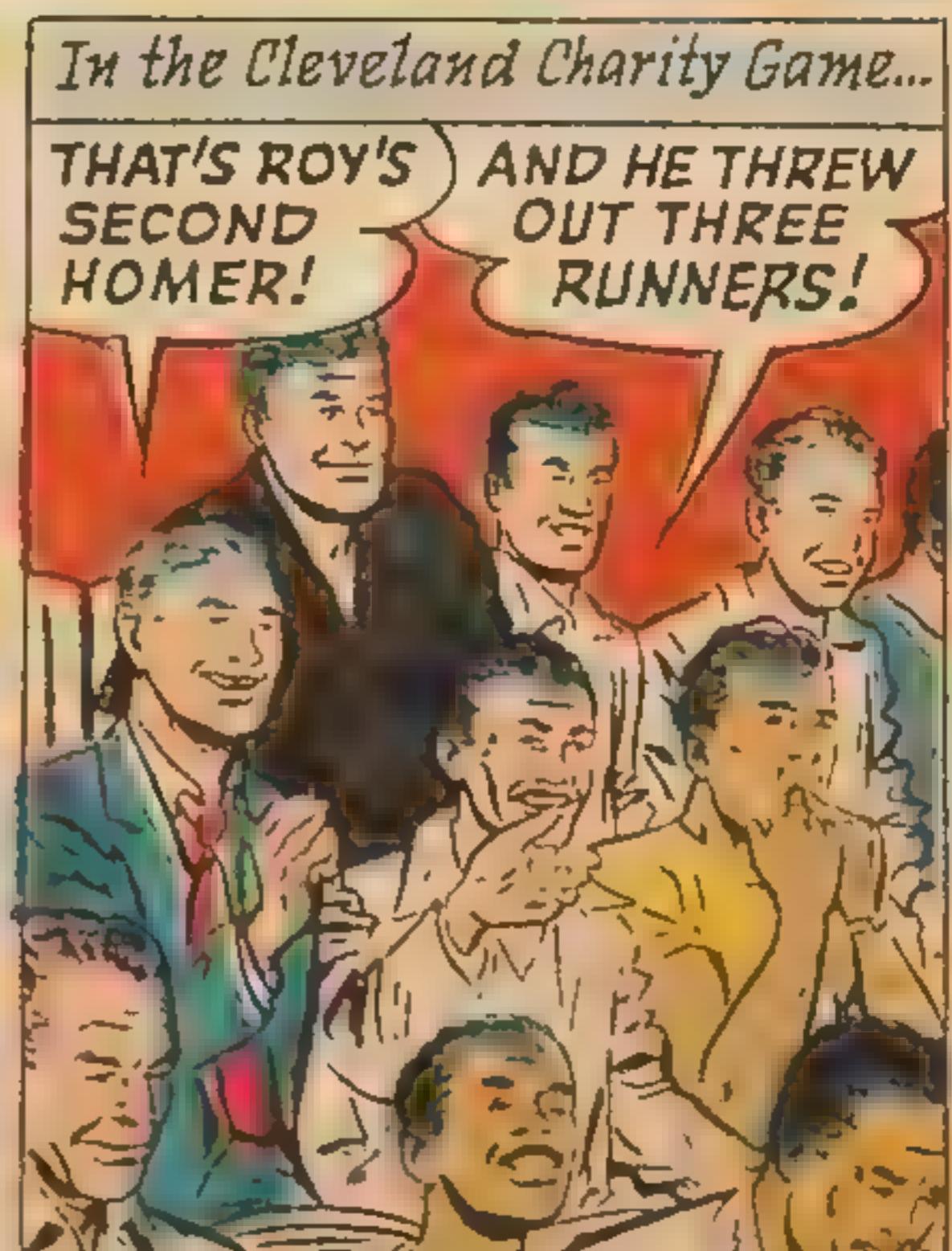
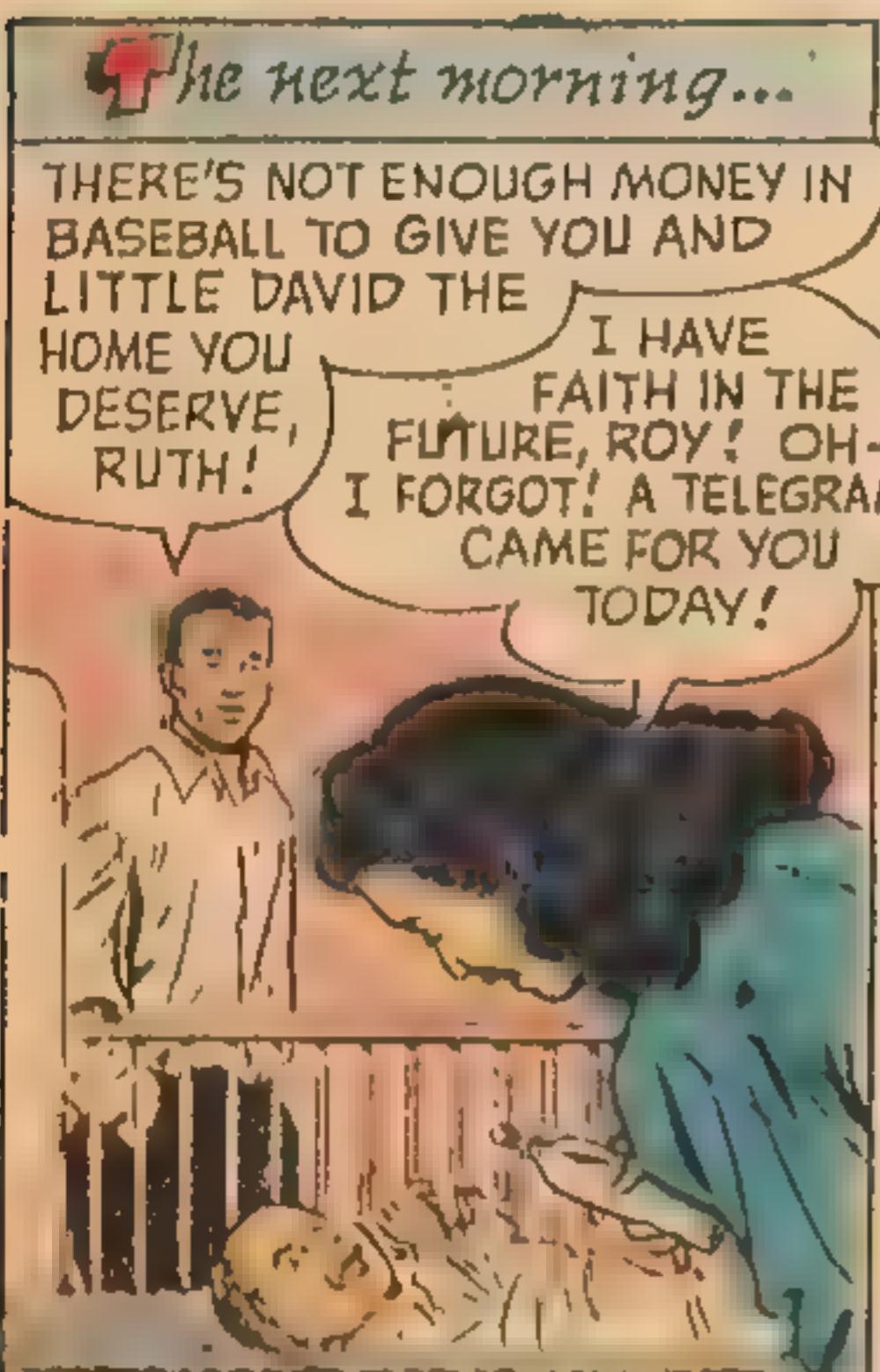
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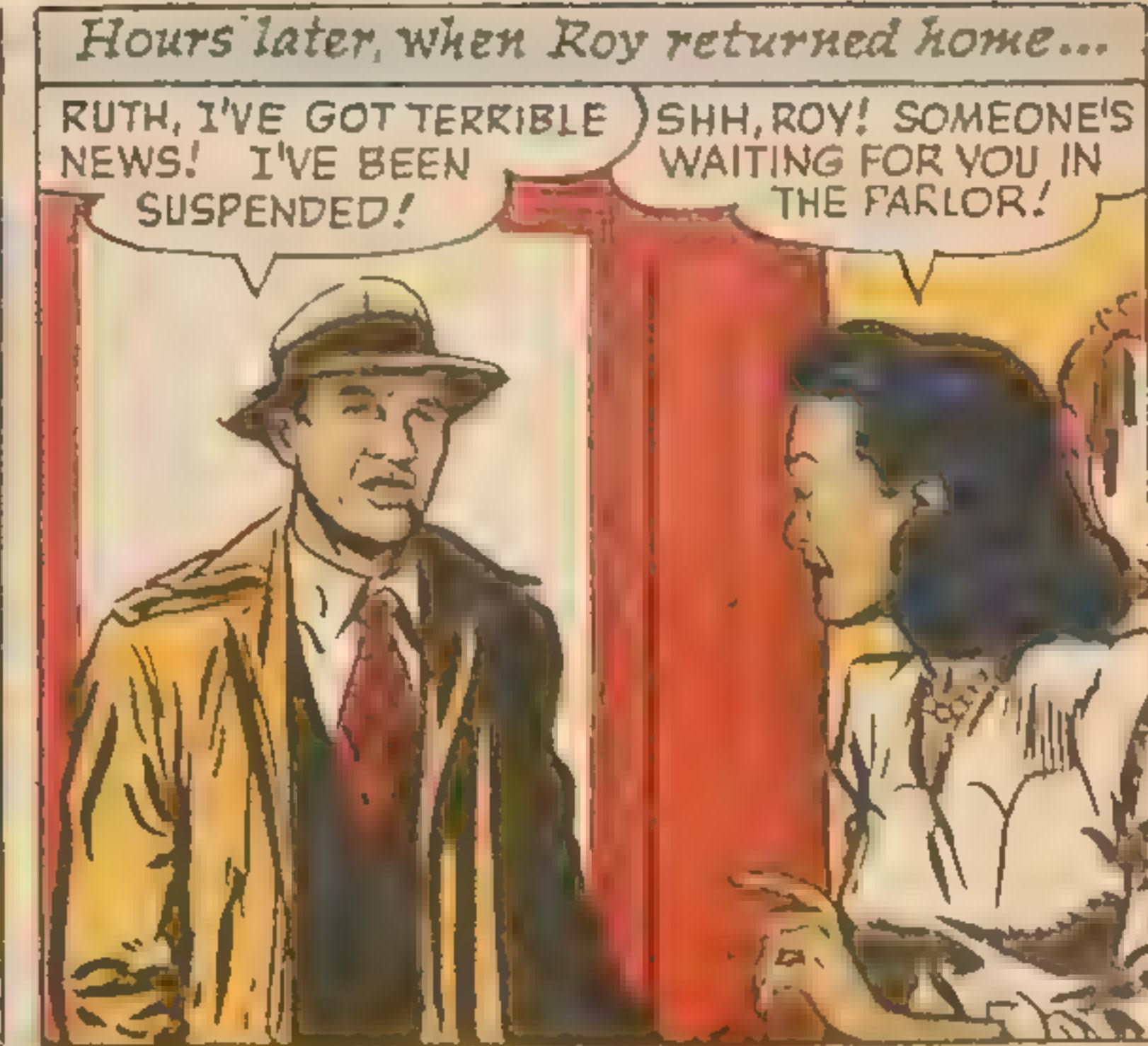
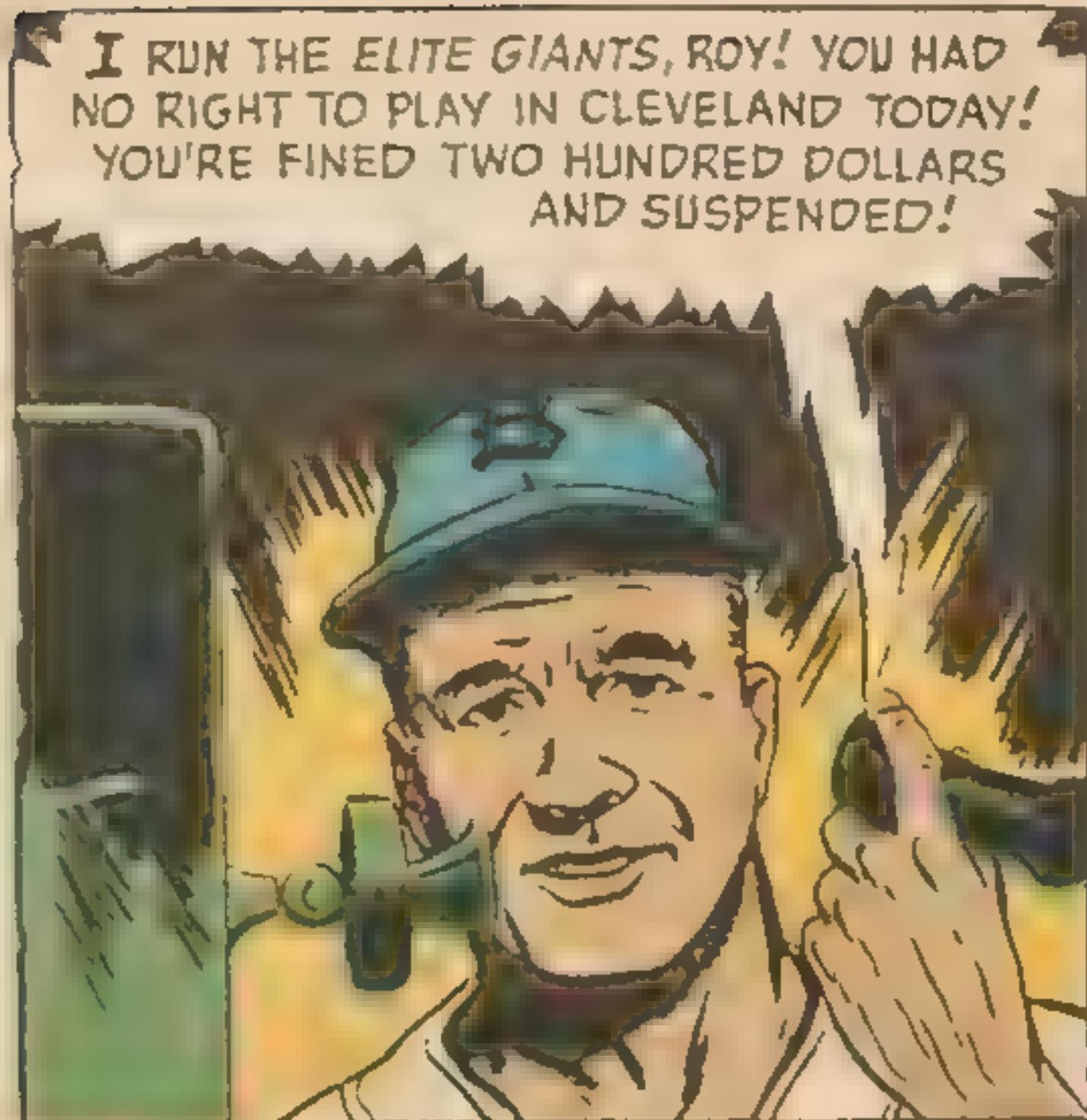


Roy was hitting .357 for the Elites on August 1st! Called to Pittsburgh for a tryout with the Pirates, he again staged a mighty display of his diamond prowess! But afterwards...



## ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

Shortly after the game Roy received an urgent phone call...



The visitor was Lazaro Salazar, manager of the Monterey team in the Mexican League!

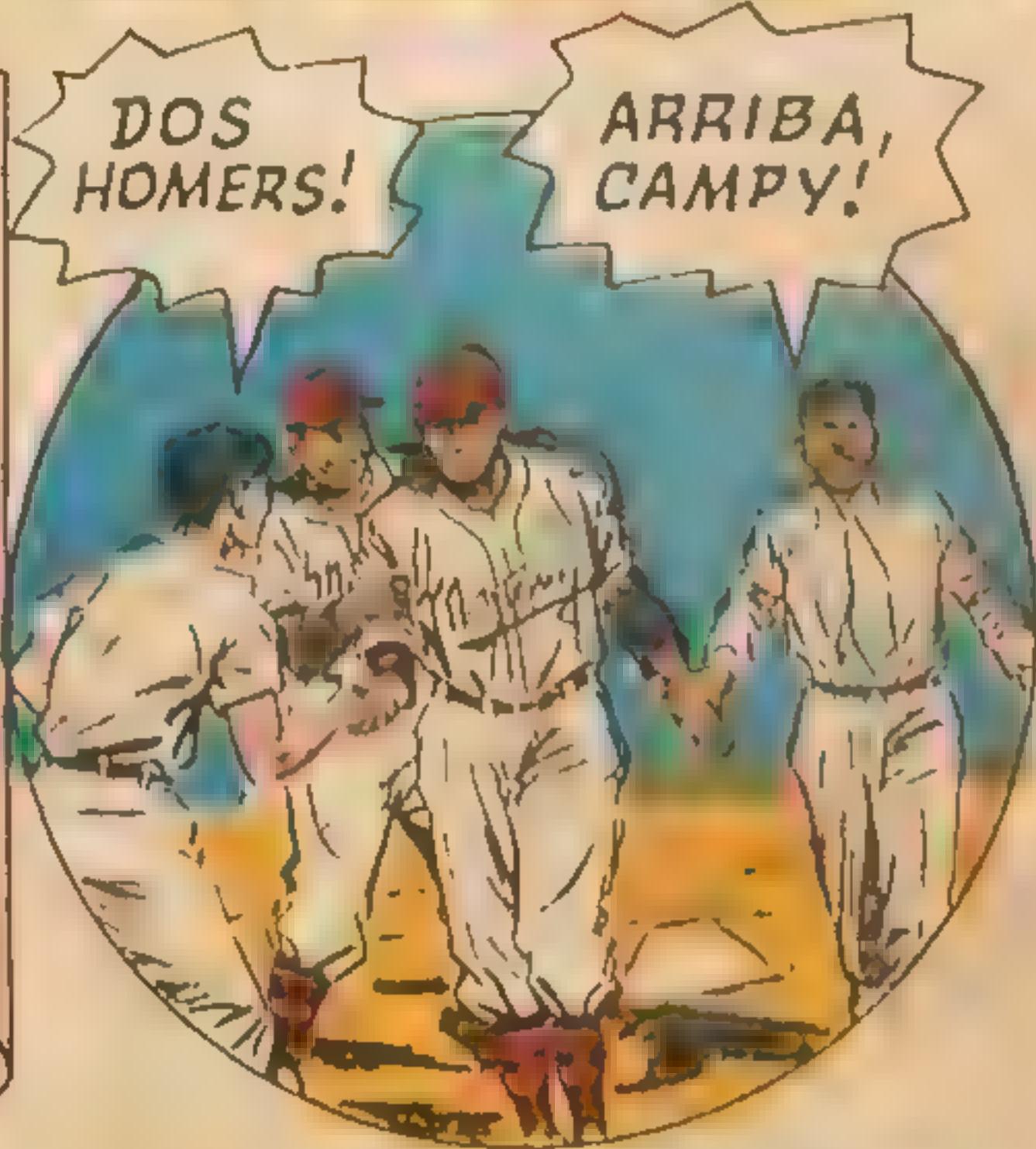
SEÑOR CAMPANELLA, WE WILL GIVE YOU TWO TIMES YOUR PRESENT PAY TO PLAY FOR MONTEREY!

I'LL GO, MR. SALAZAR! I TOLD YOU TO HAVE FAITH, ROY!

Monterey wildly acclaimed Roy as he hit two homers in one inning soon after his arrival!

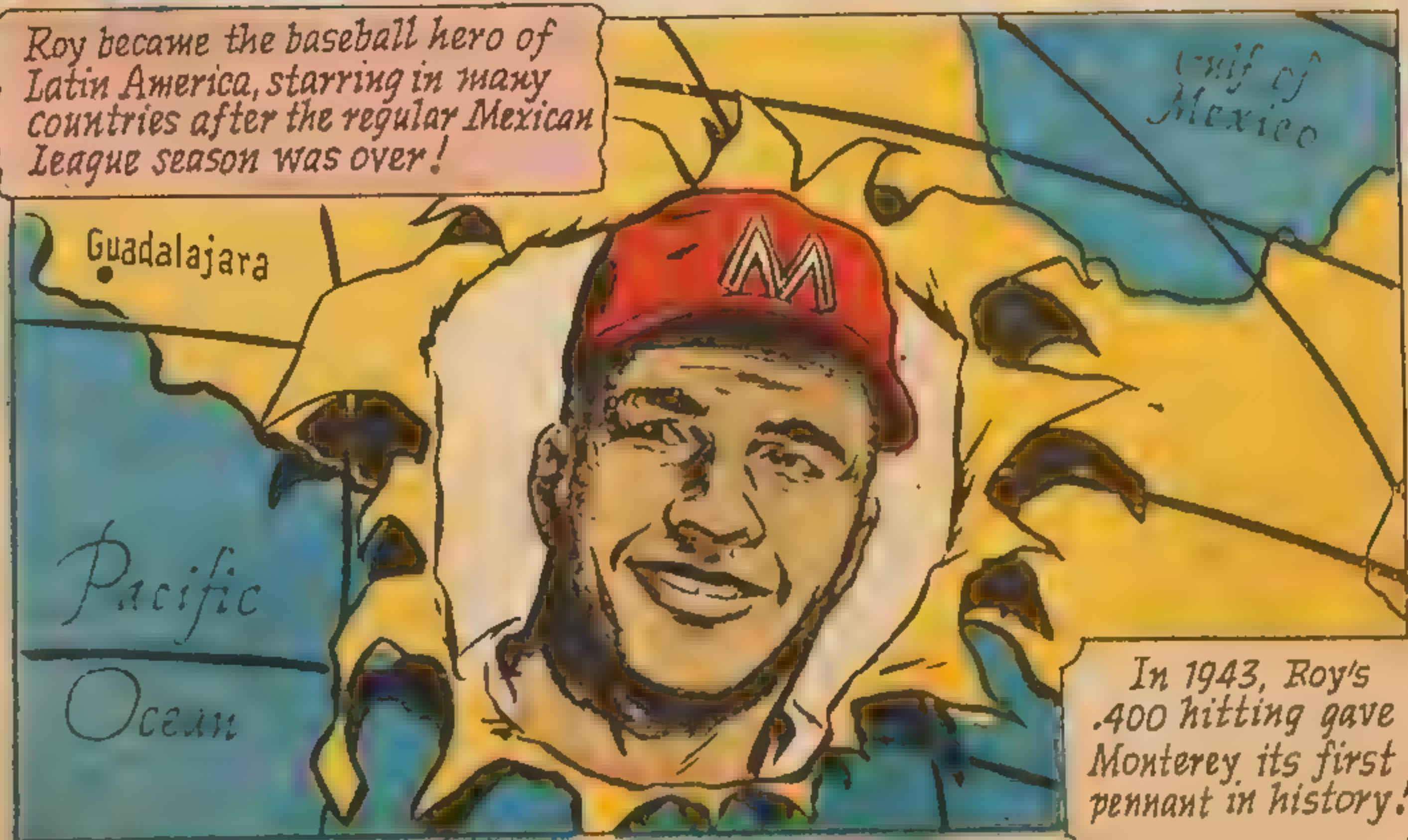
DOS HOMERS!

ARRIBA, CAMPY!



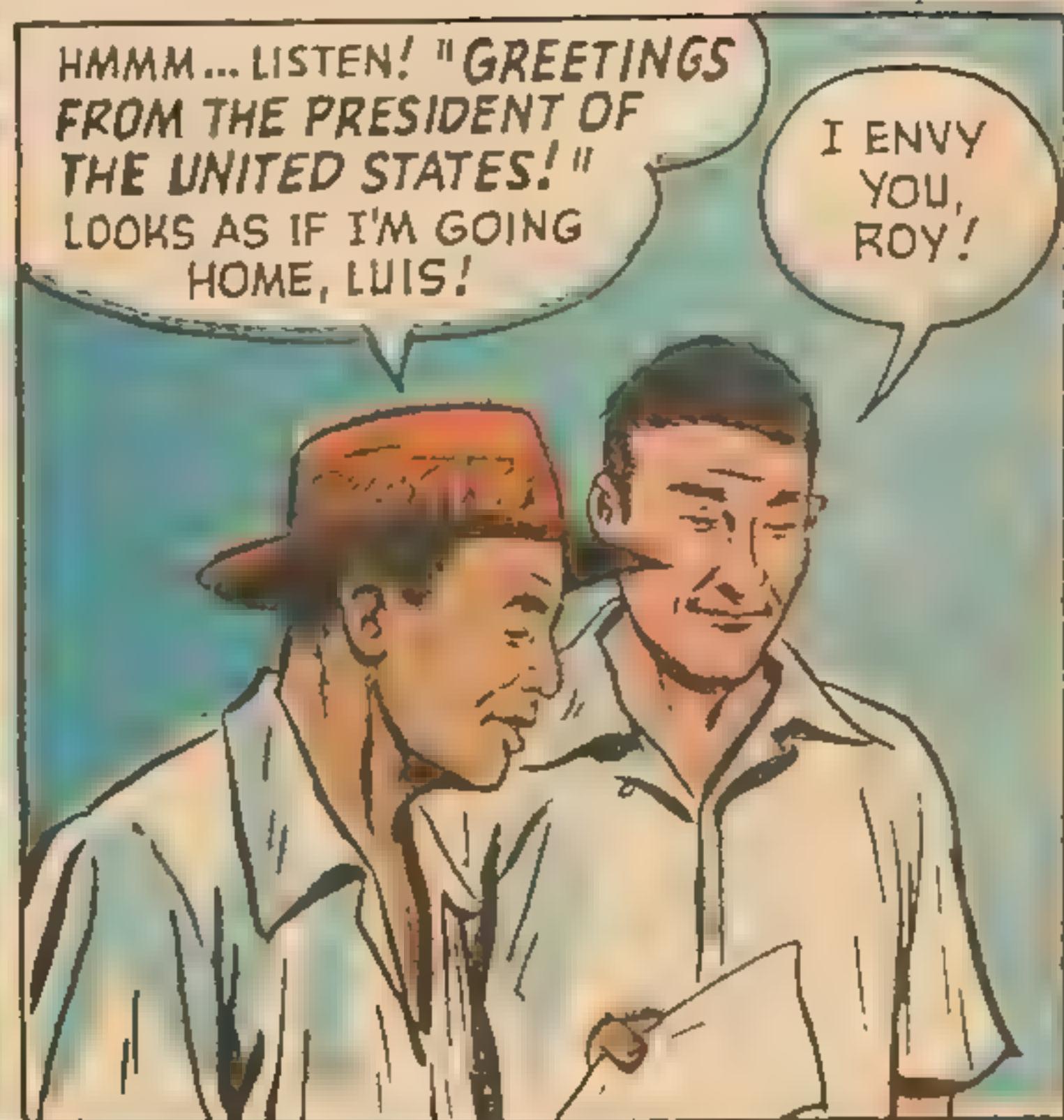
Boy made seven hits in a game between Monterey and Tampico to equal a record set by Wilbert Robinson with the Baltimore Orioles in 1892!

Roy became the baseball hero of Latin America, starring in many countries after the regular Mexican League season was over!



## ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

During the winter of 1943, Roy played on a Puerto Rican team piloted by Dodger out-fielder Luis Olmo!



Roy hurriedly packed his bags and flew back to Philadelphia!



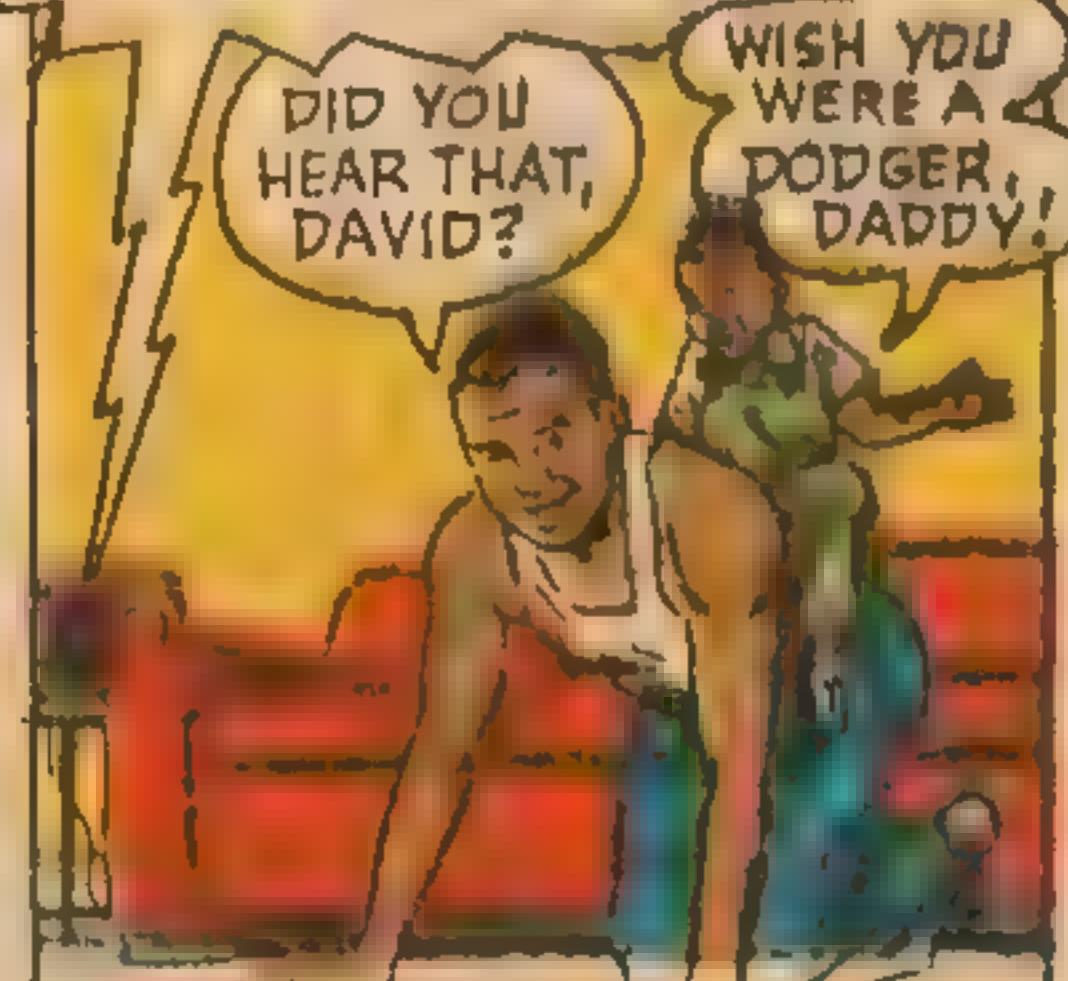
Impatiently waiting his call to arms, Roy took a job as a draftsman at the Bendix Aviation Plant in Philadelphia!



Weeks, months passed! At Bendix's plea, Roy was reclassified as 3A! On weekends he again played ball with the Elite Giants and after VJ Day, became a regular!

At his Philadelphia home that September in 1945...

BULLETIN! THE BROOKLYN DODGERS HAVE SIGNED JACKIE ROBINSON! HE WILL BE THE FIRST NEGRO IN THE BIG LEAGUES!



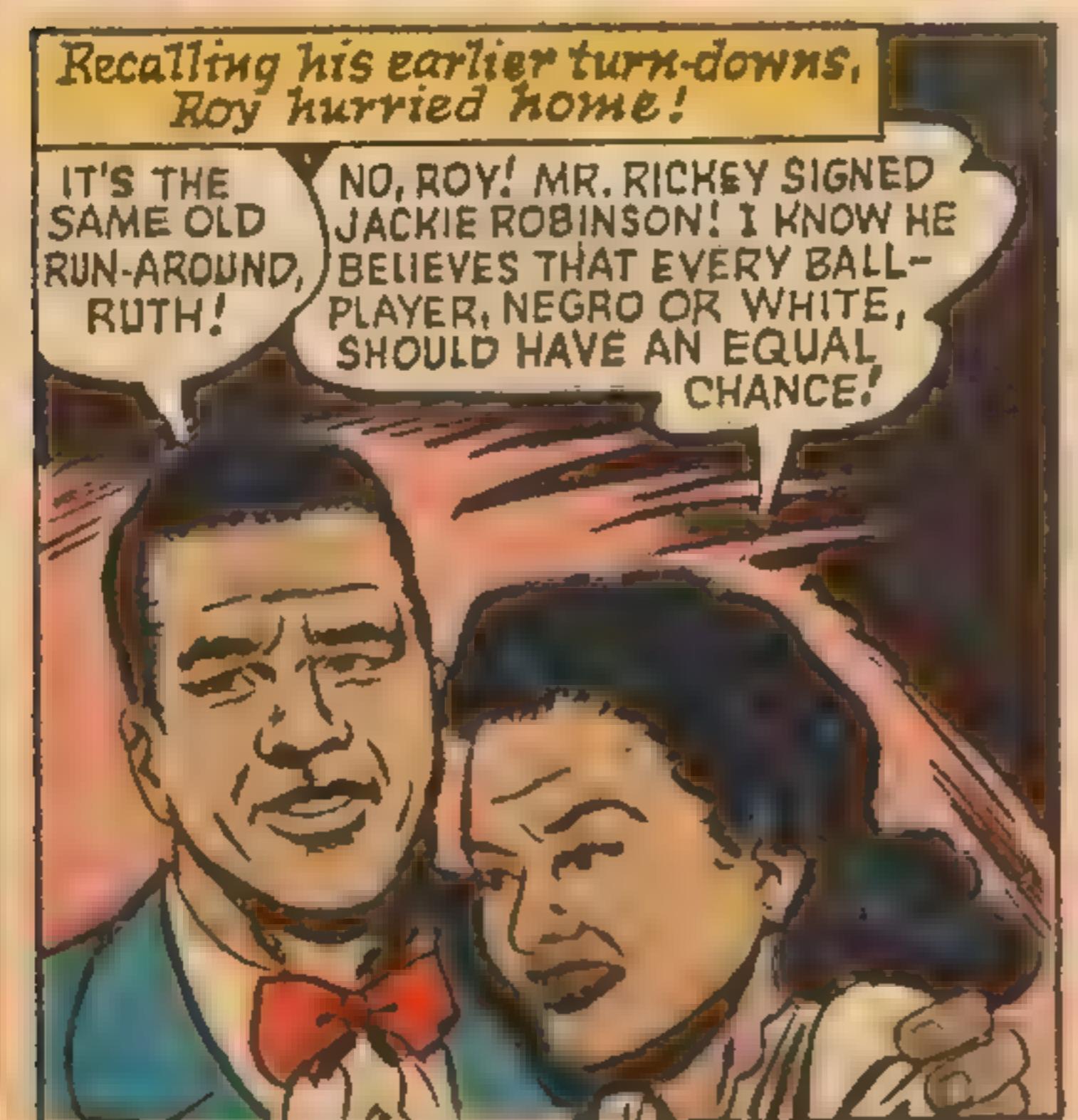
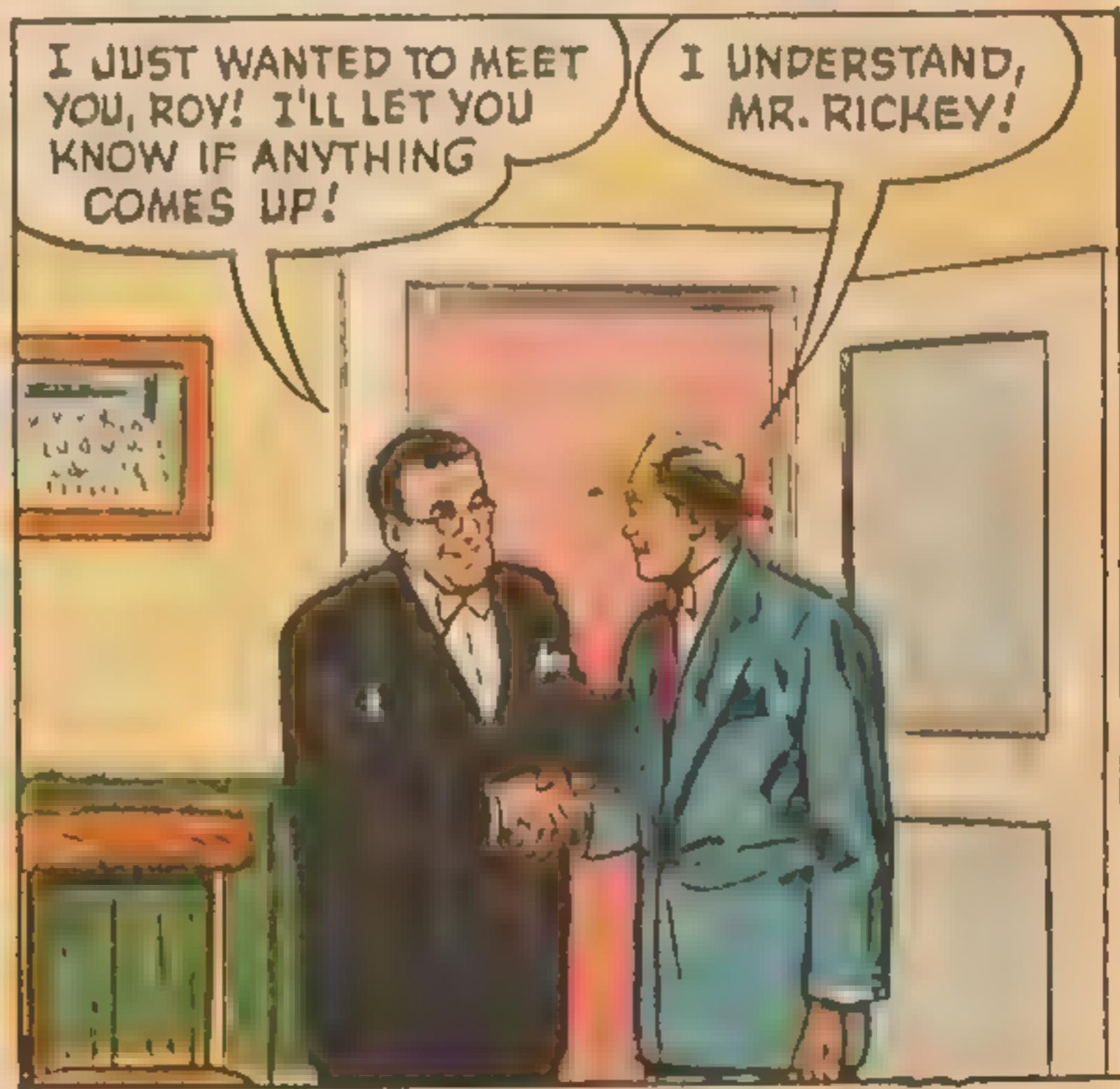
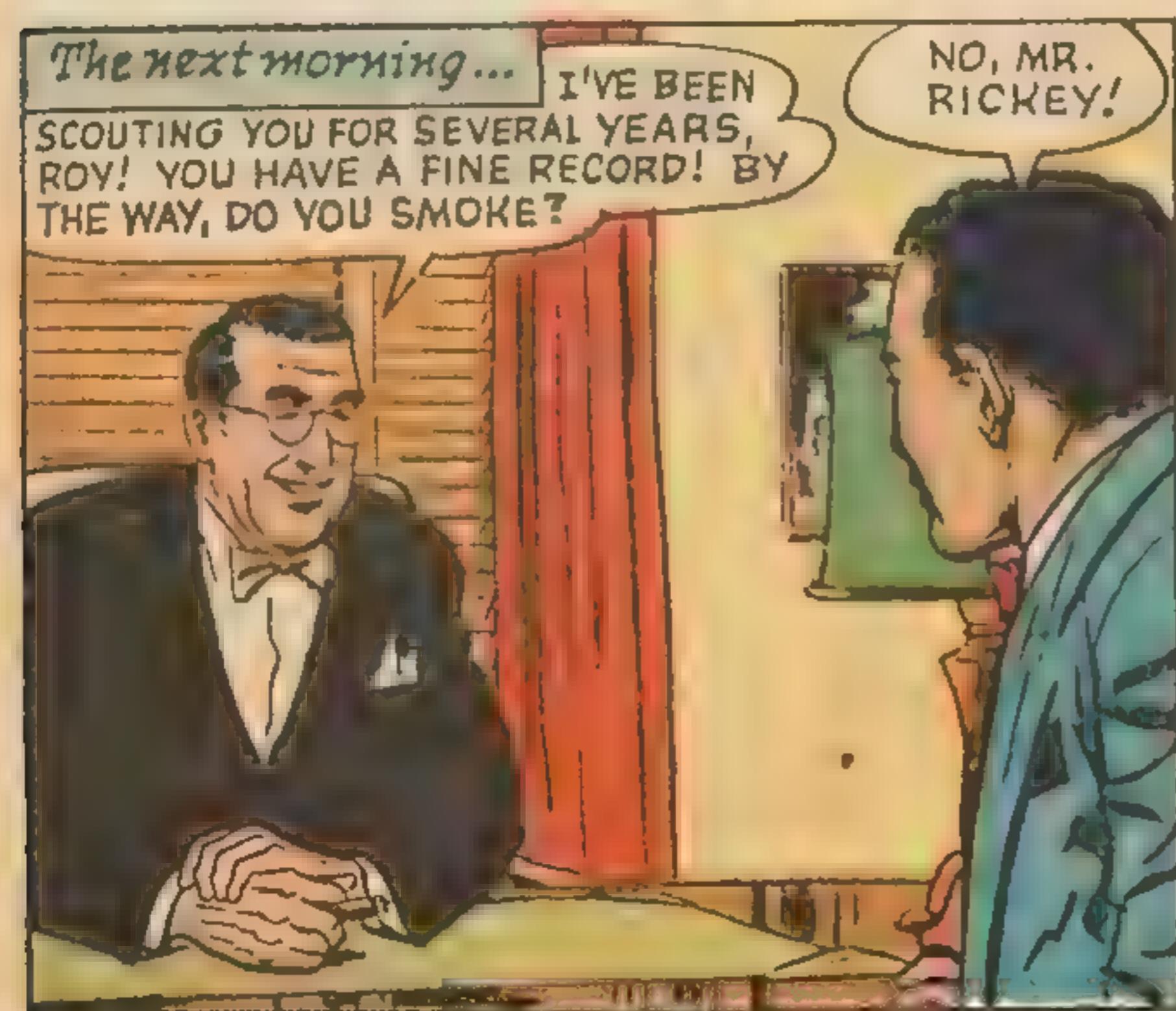
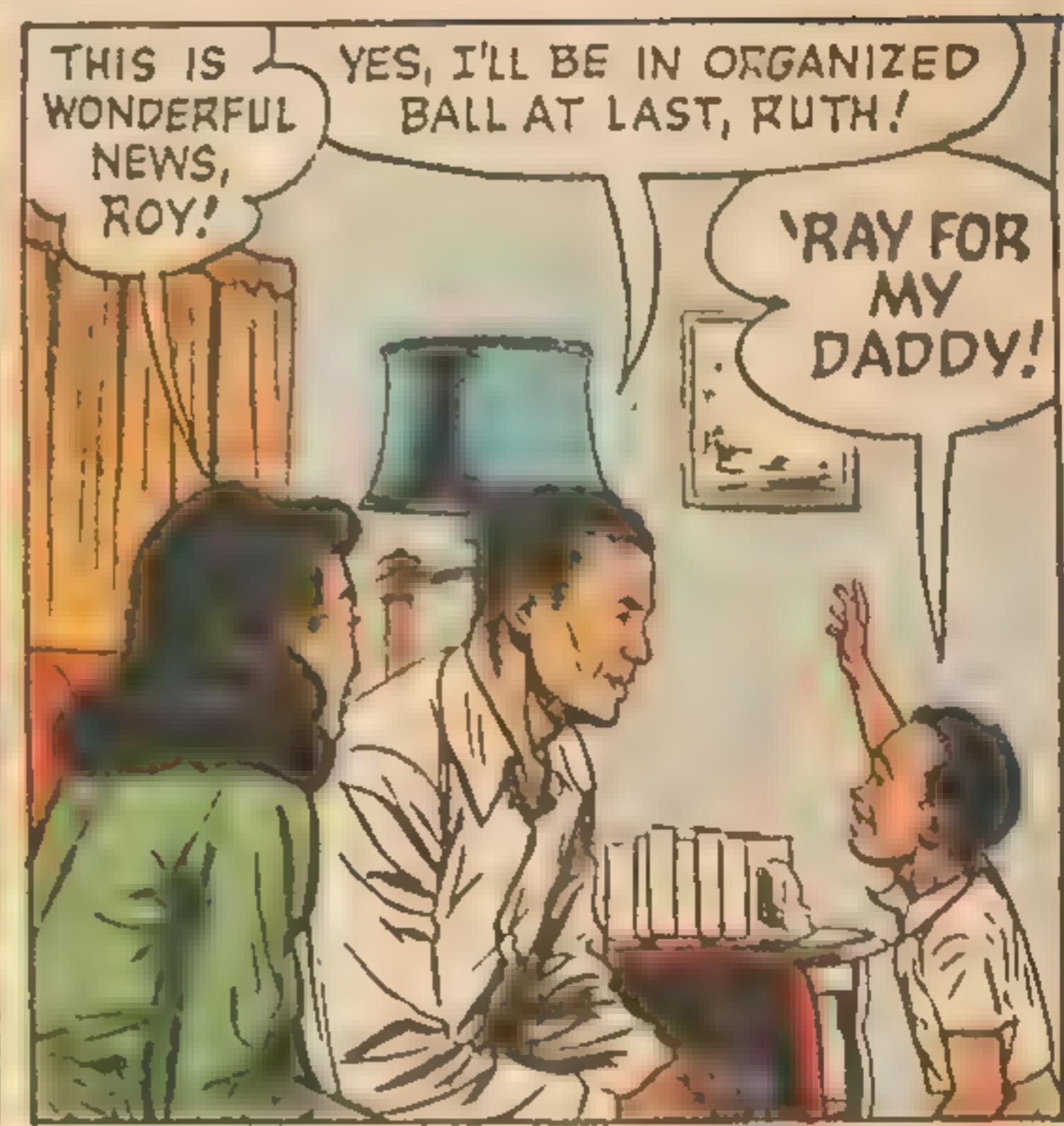
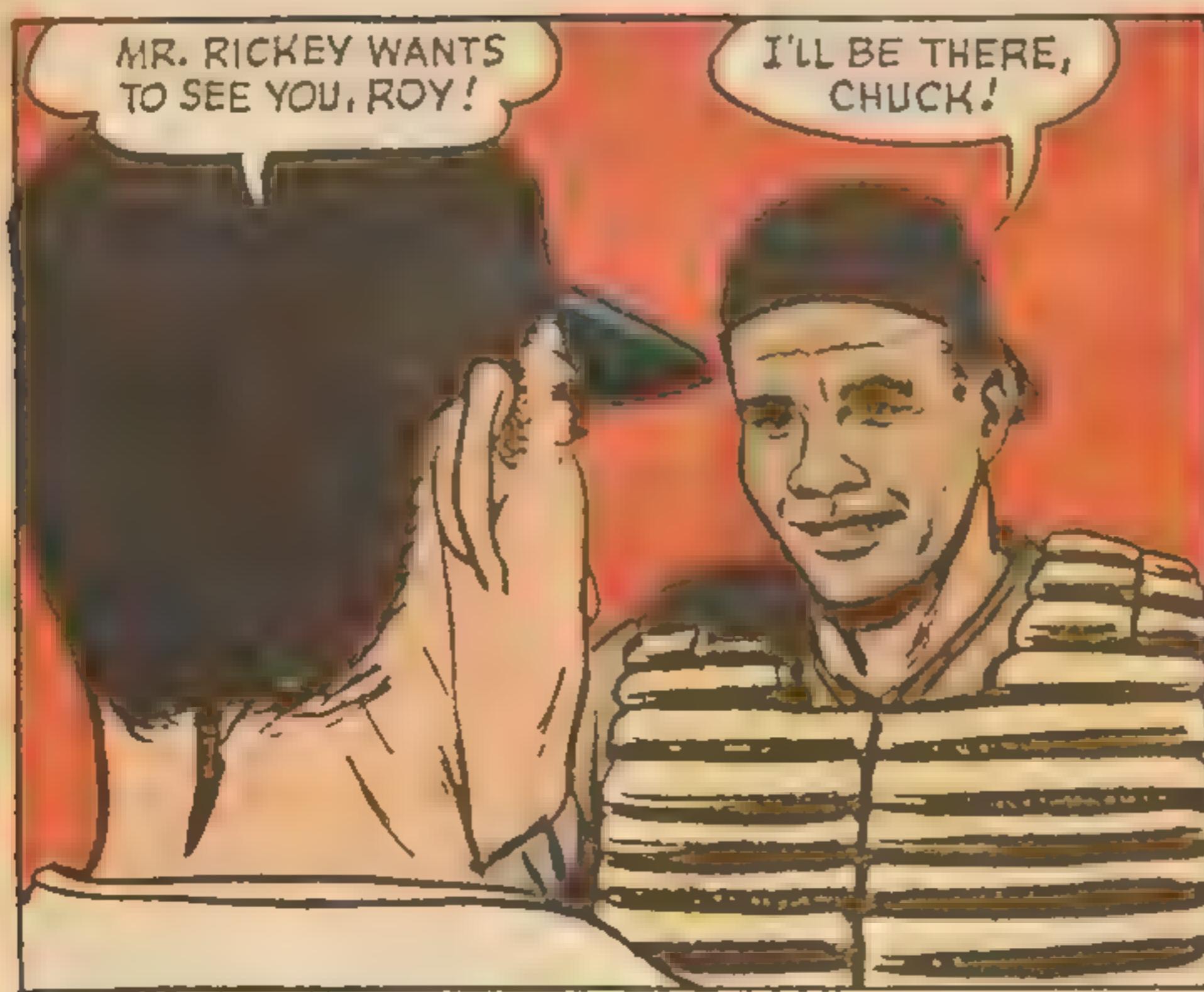
Jackie's signing thrilled the baseball world! During an All-Star Negro-White game at Ebbets Field that Sunday, Dodger coach Chuck Dressen approached Roy!

CAN YOU COME TO THE DODGER OFFICE TOMORROW, ROY?

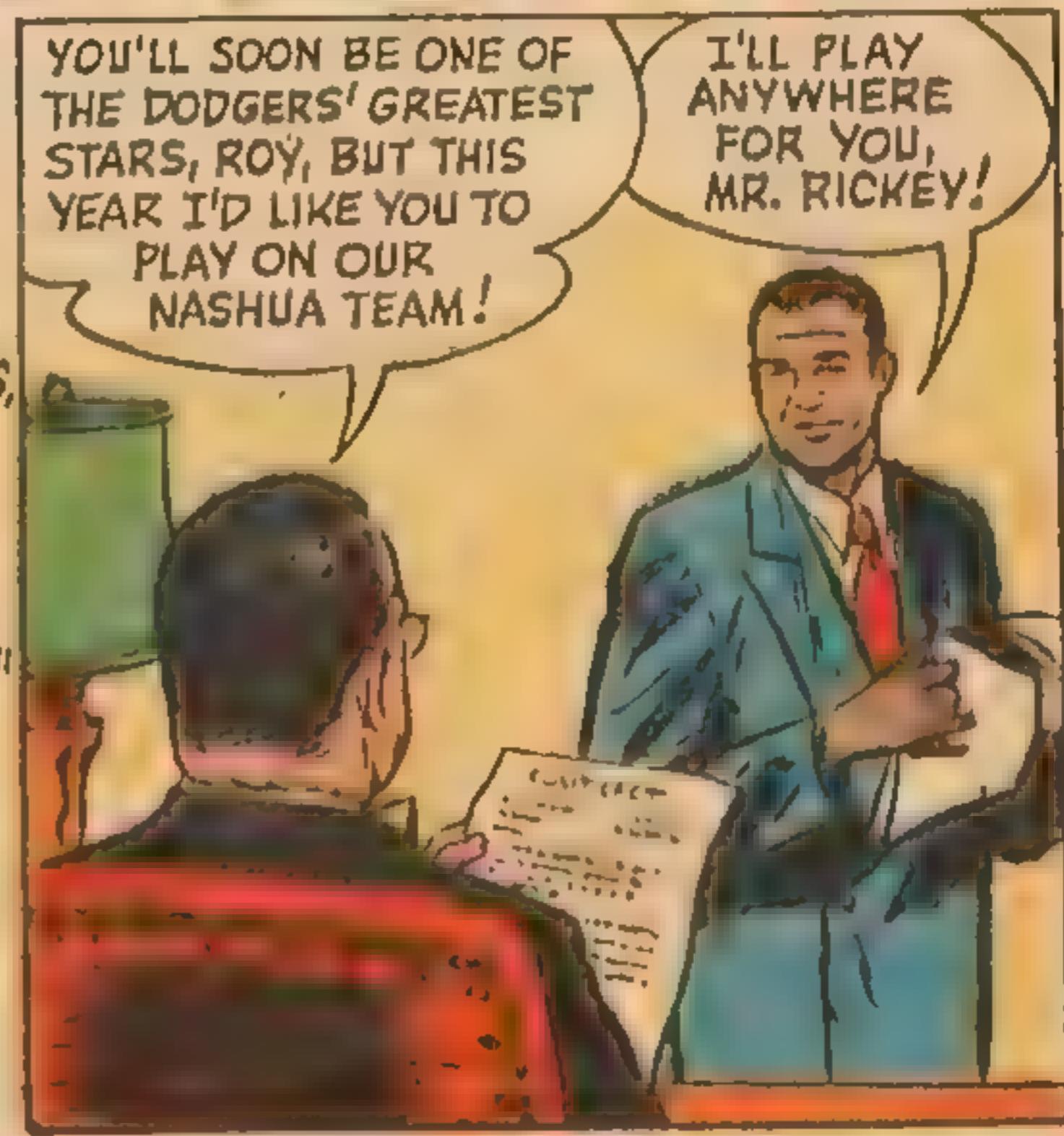
WHAT FOR, CHUCK?



## ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

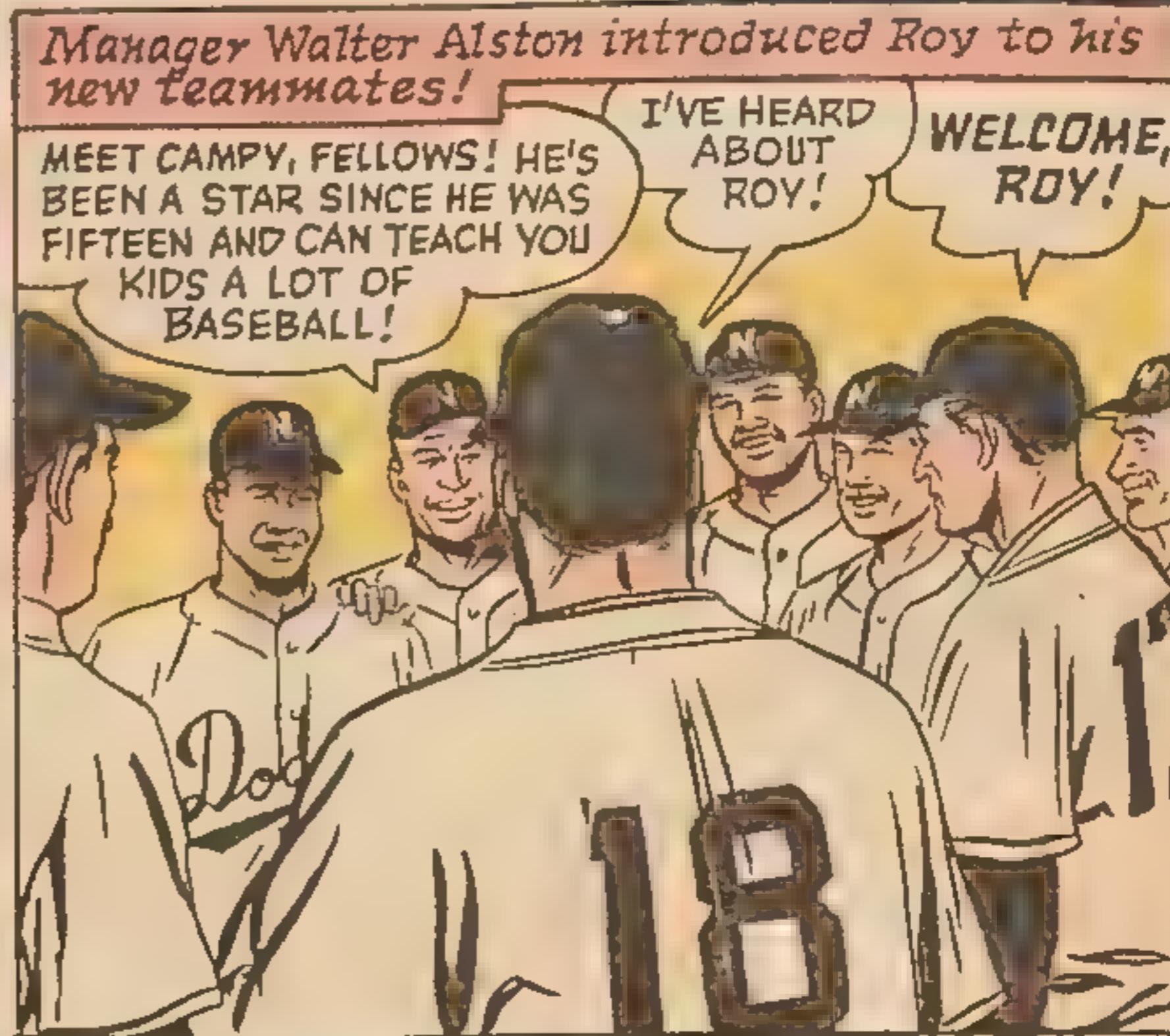


Roy managed the Caracas team that winter. On March 1, 1946, he received a cable: "Report my office at once. Branch Rickey." He flew to Brooklyn that night. The following morning...

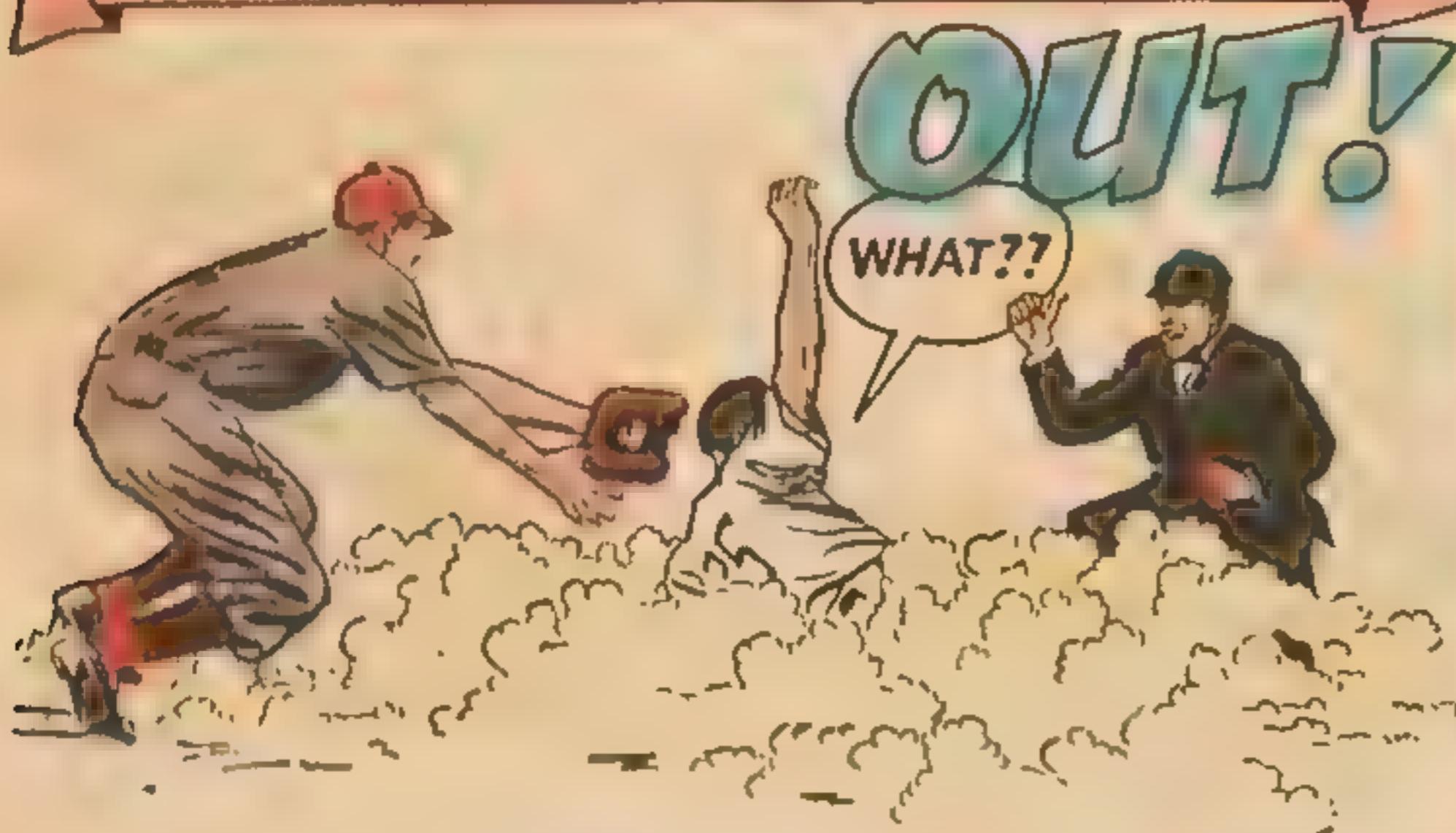


## ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

In Nashua Roy was warmly greeted by Don Newcombe, former fireball flash of the Negro National League!



Roy's hard hitting and Don's sensational twirling soon lifted Nashua into first place! In a fiercely contested game against powerful Lynn, Roy tried to stretch a double...



As Roy scrambled to his feet, Manager Alston tore out of the Nashua dugout and charged at the umpire.

HE MISSED ROY BY A FOOT, UMP! YOU'RE BLIND AS A BAT!

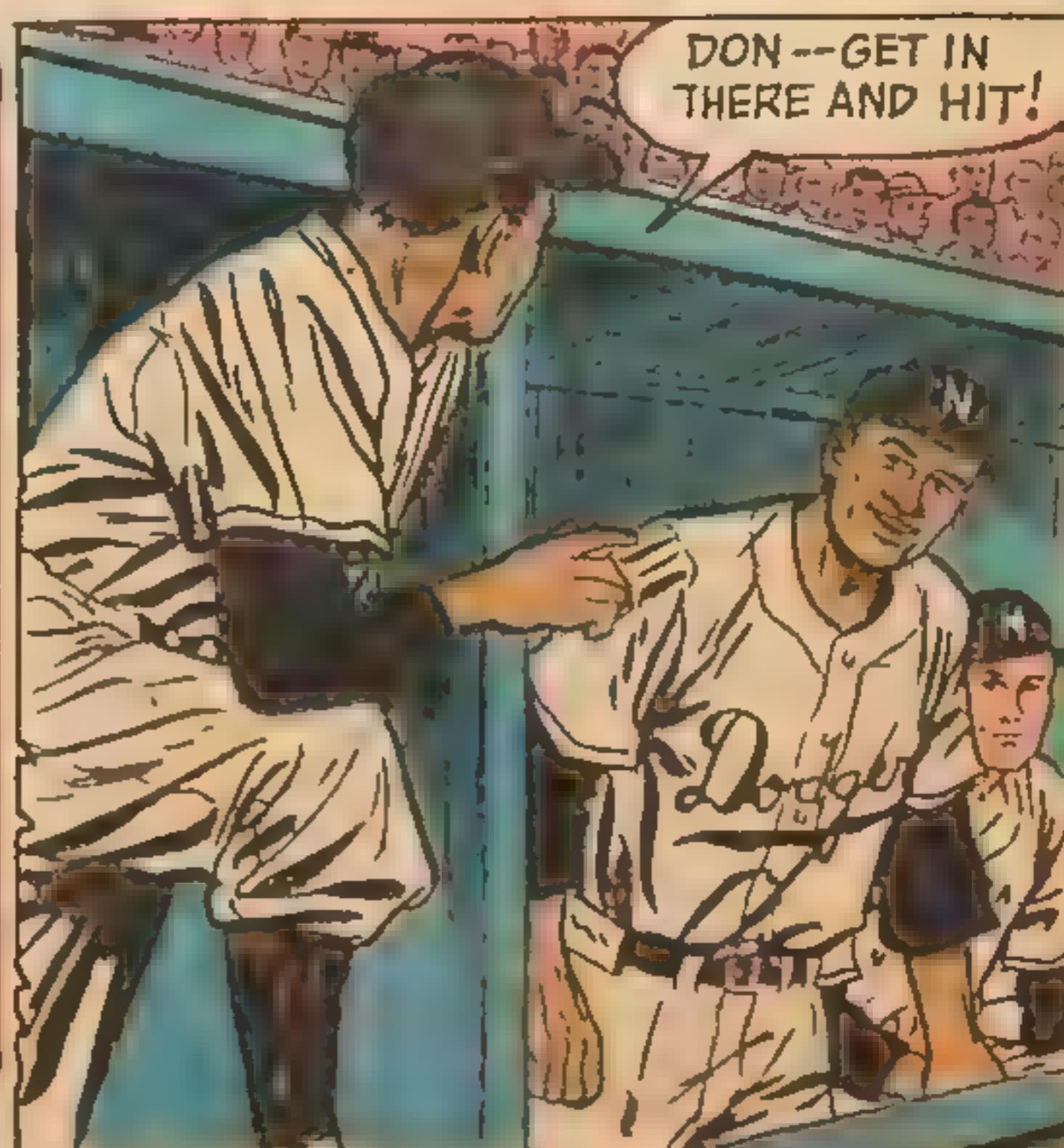
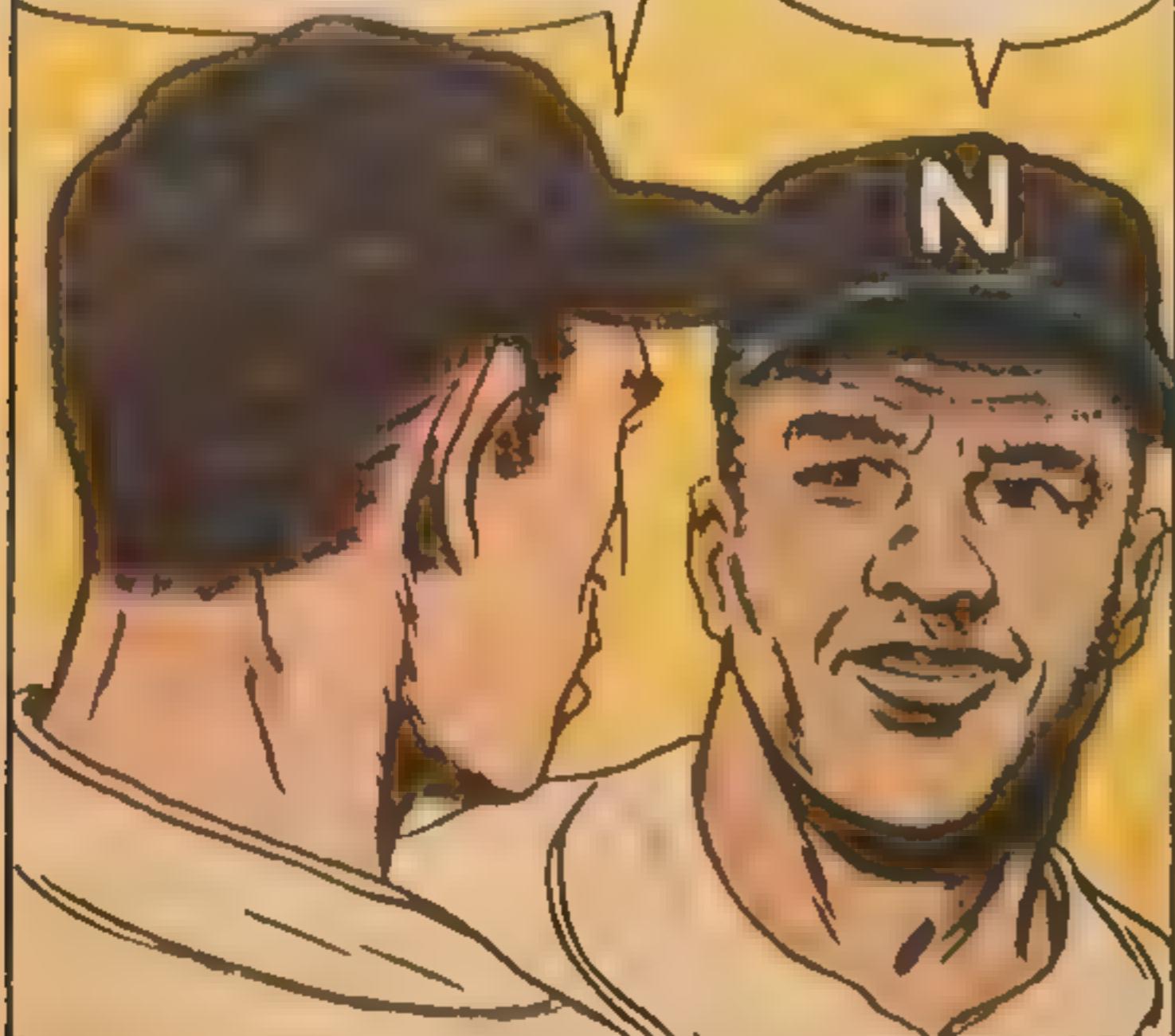
YOU GET OUT OF THE GAME ALSTON!



WE NEED THIS GAME BAD, ROY! TAKE OVER THE TEAM FOR ME TODAY!

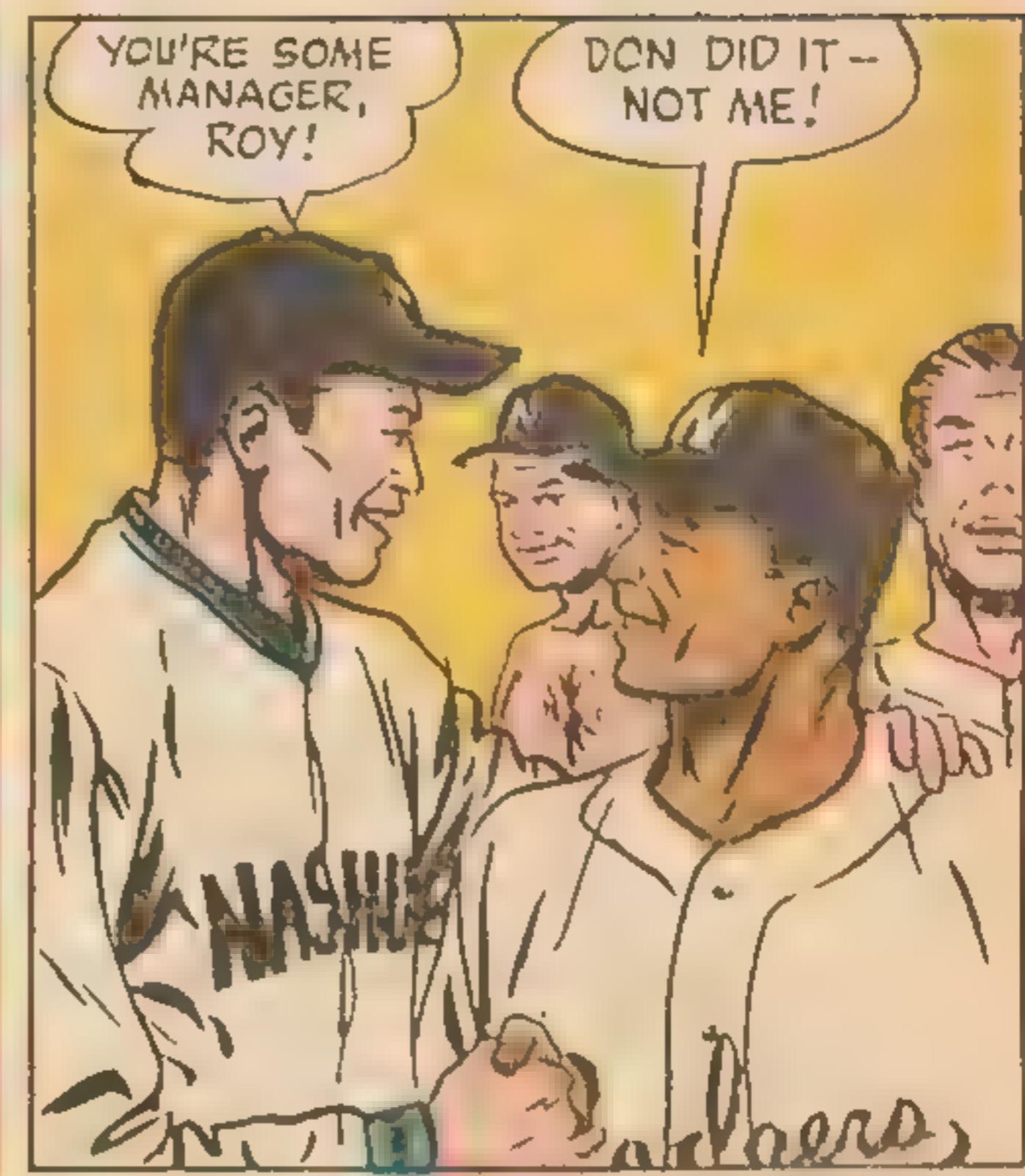
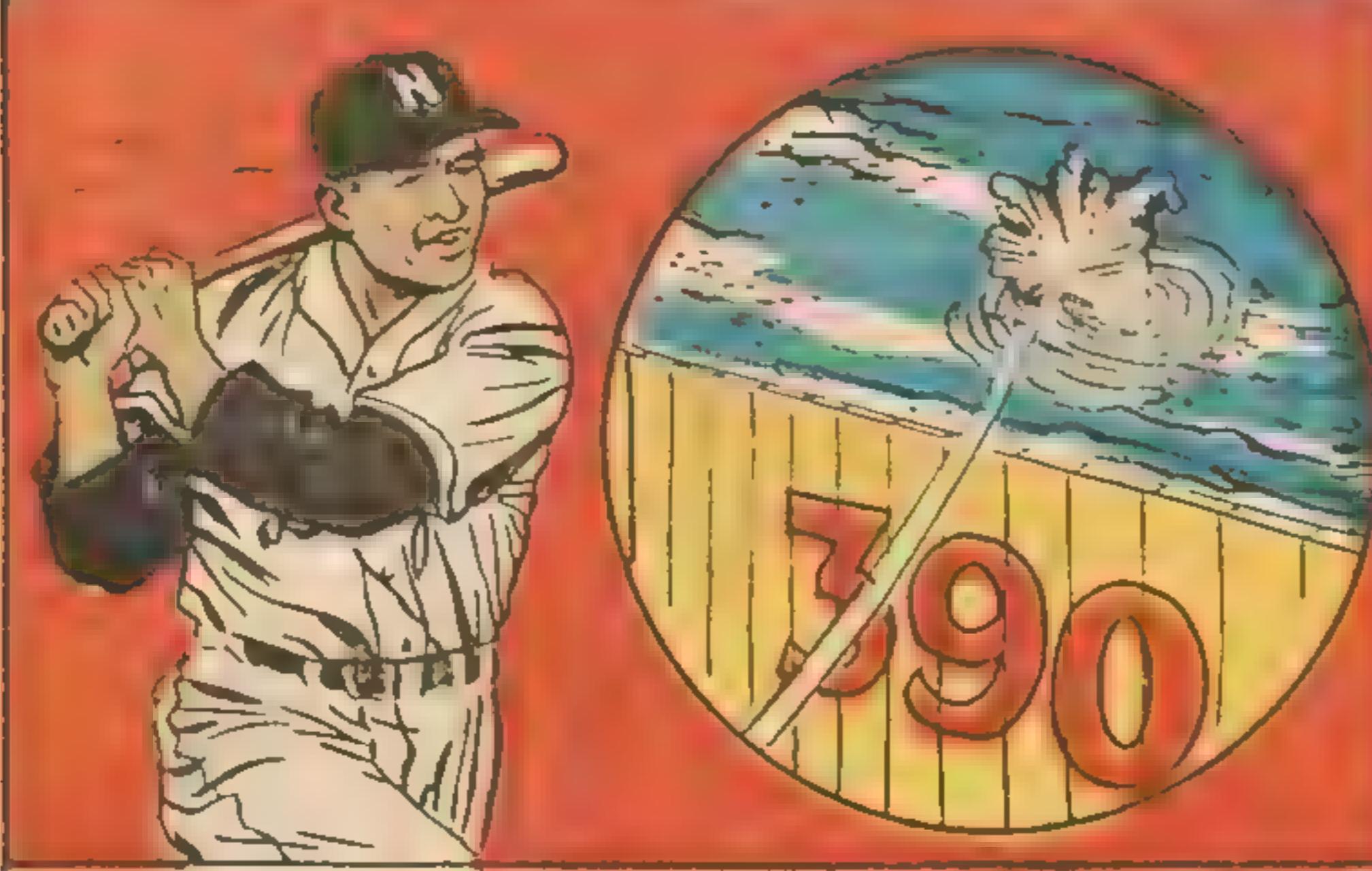
YES, SIR! I'LL DO MY BEST, MR. ALSTON!

Trailing 5 to 3 in the ninth, Roy glanced at the line-up! With two out and two men on base, his weak-hitting pitcher was up next! What should he do?

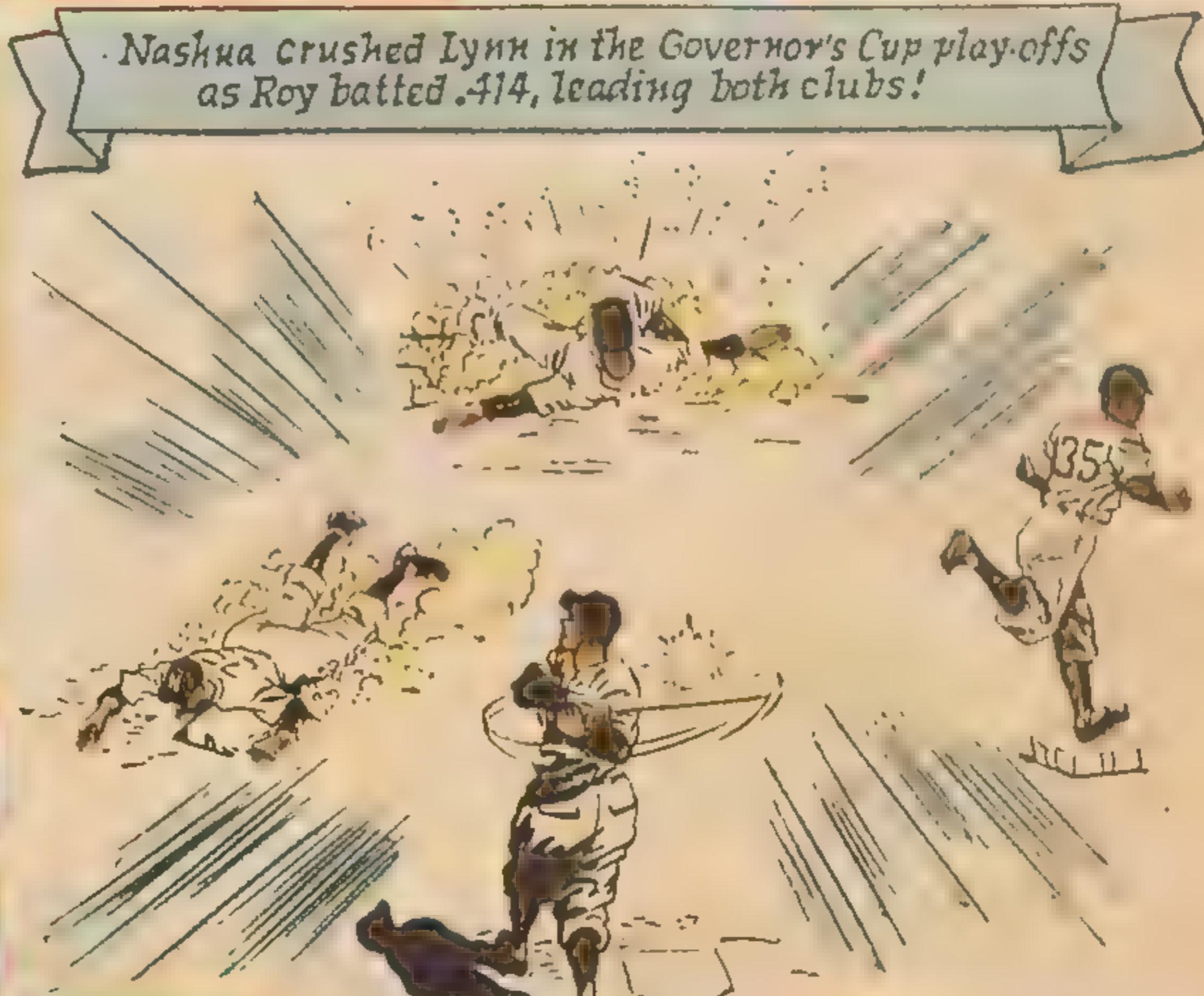
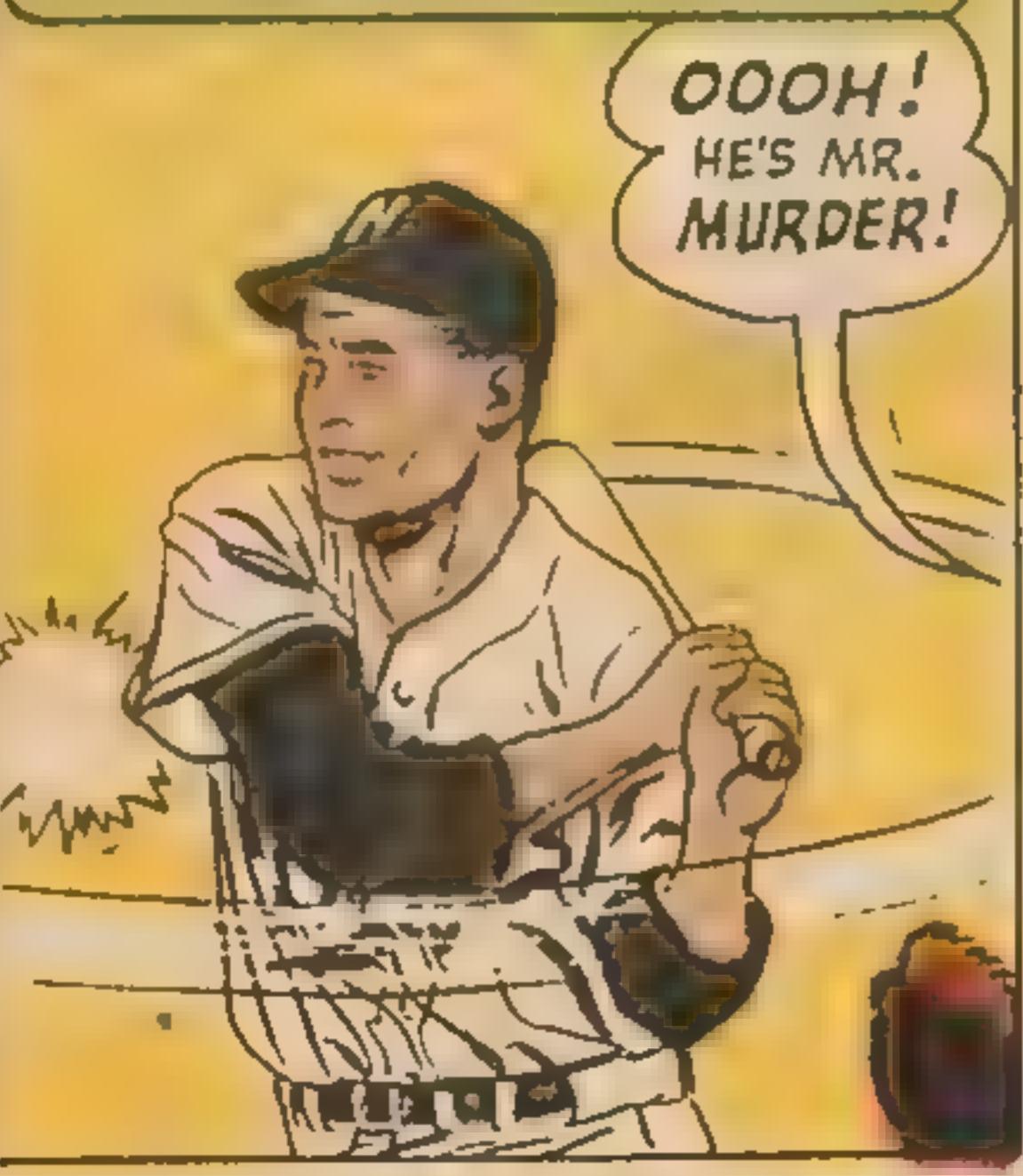


## ROY CAMPANELLA. BASEBALL HERO

**B**ig, six-foot-four Don saw a fast ball coming and met it head, slamming a game-winning home run into the river beyond the right-field fence!



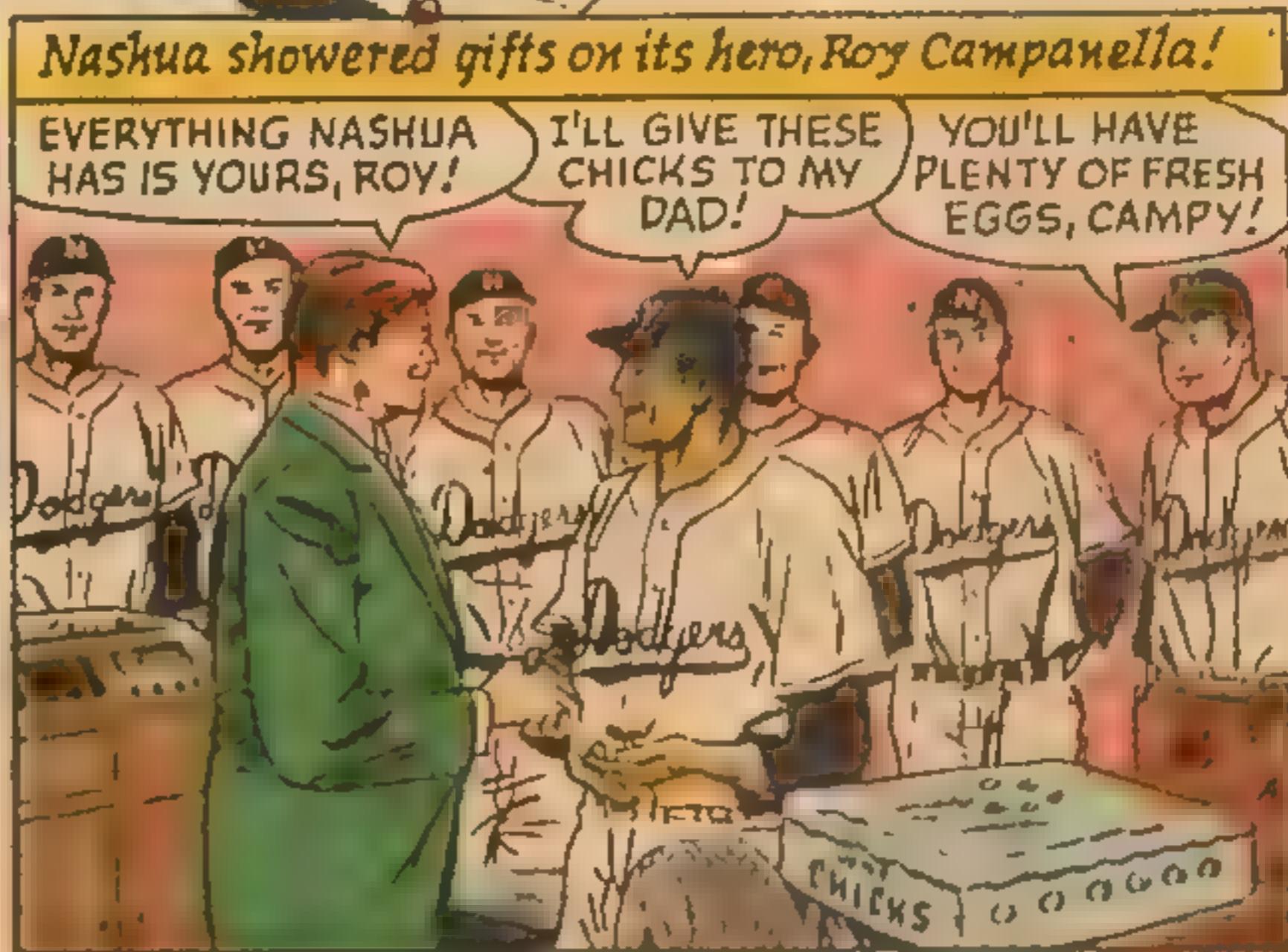
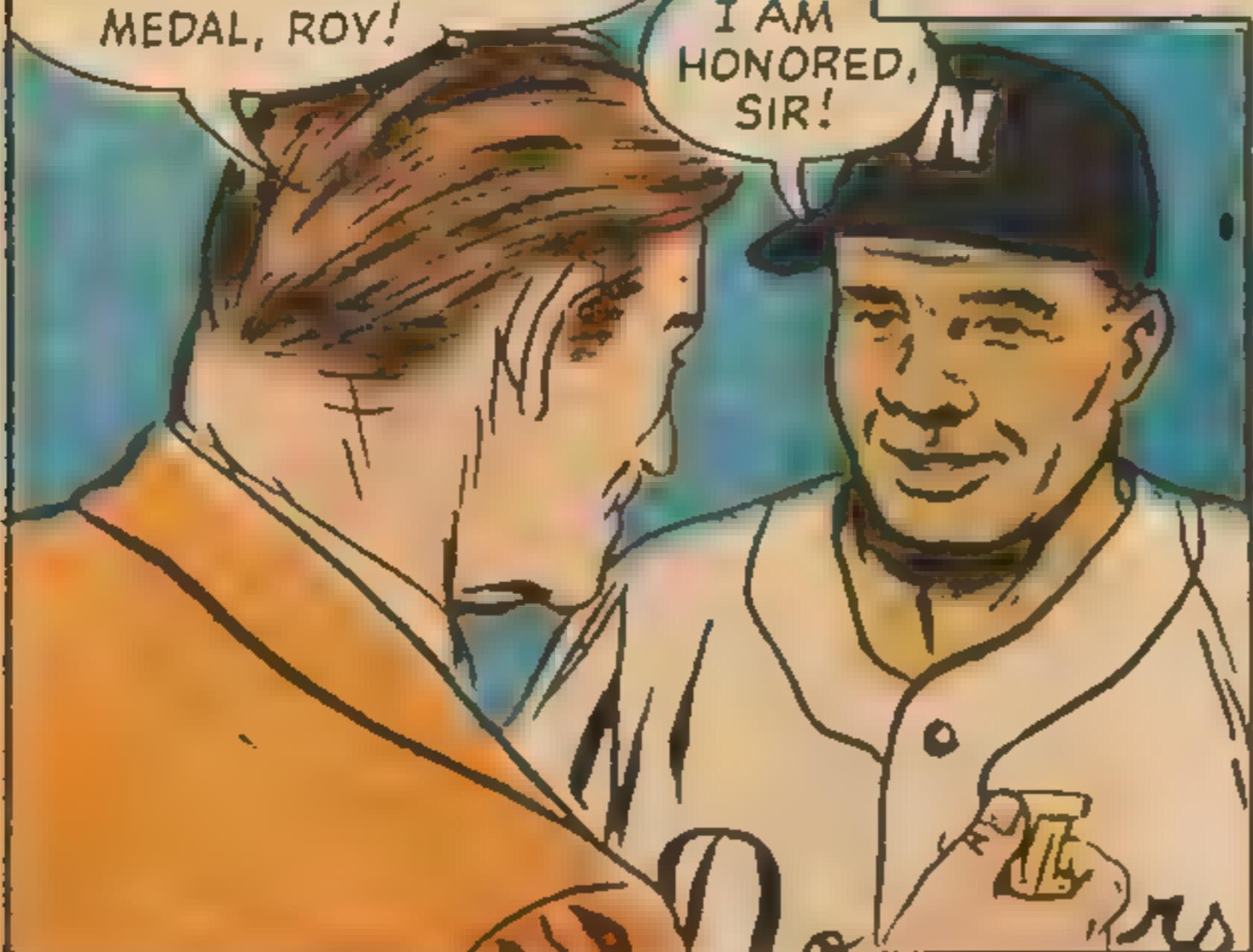
As the season progressed,  
Roy's mighty bat terrorized  
enemy hurlers!



After the final game...

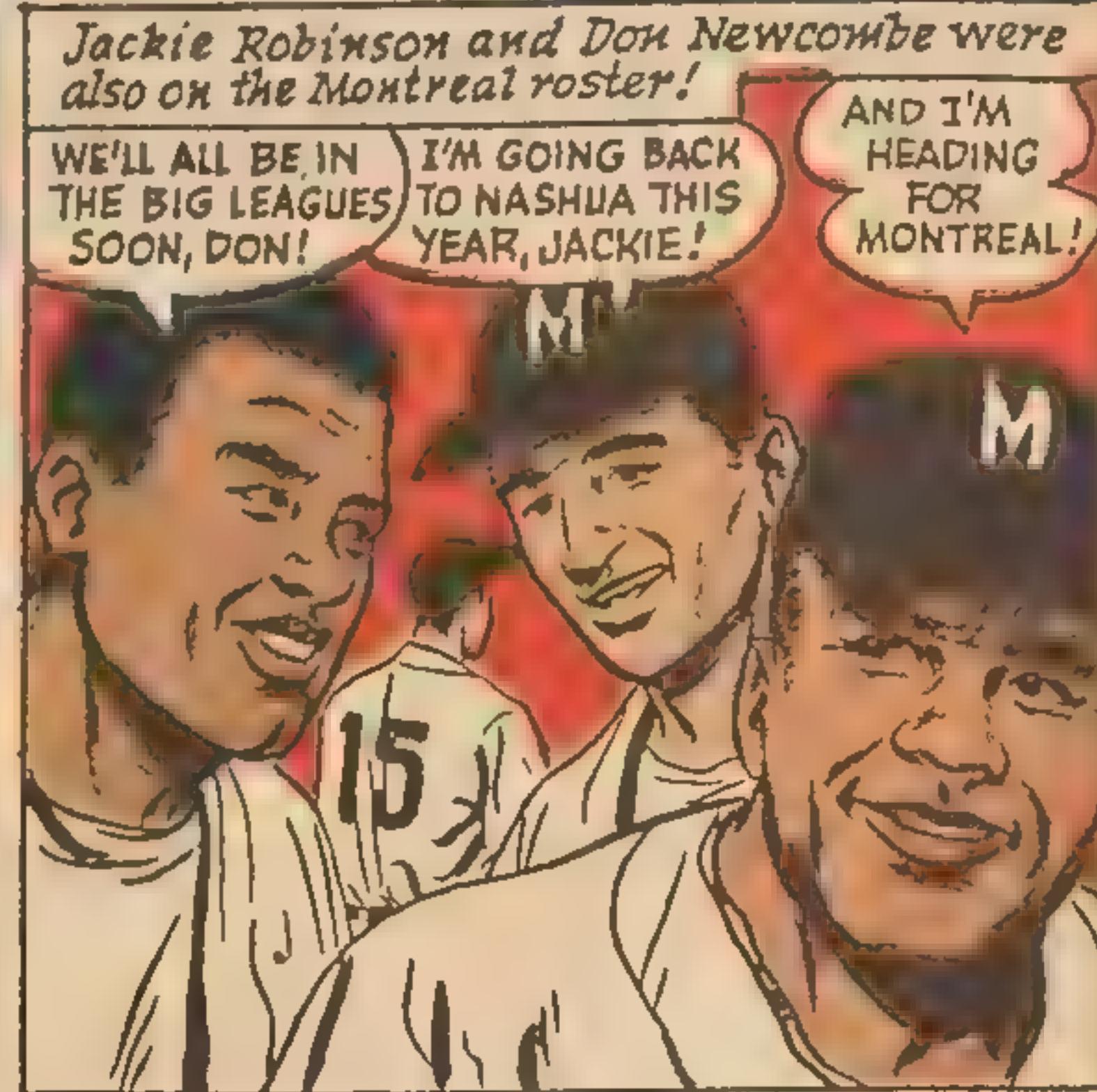
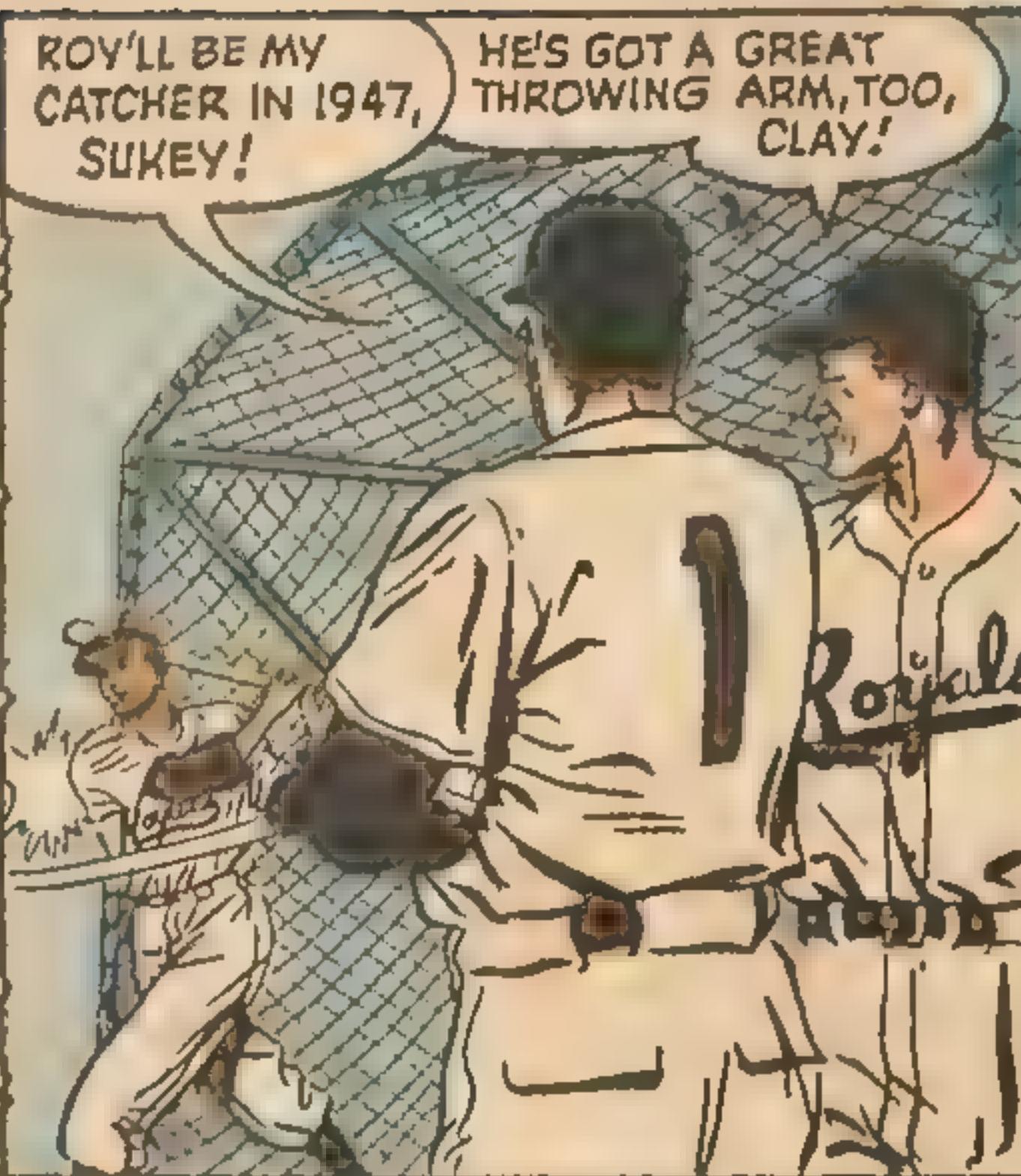
I AWARD YOU THE LEAGUE'S  
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER  
MEDAL, ROY!

I AM  
HONORED,  
SIR!

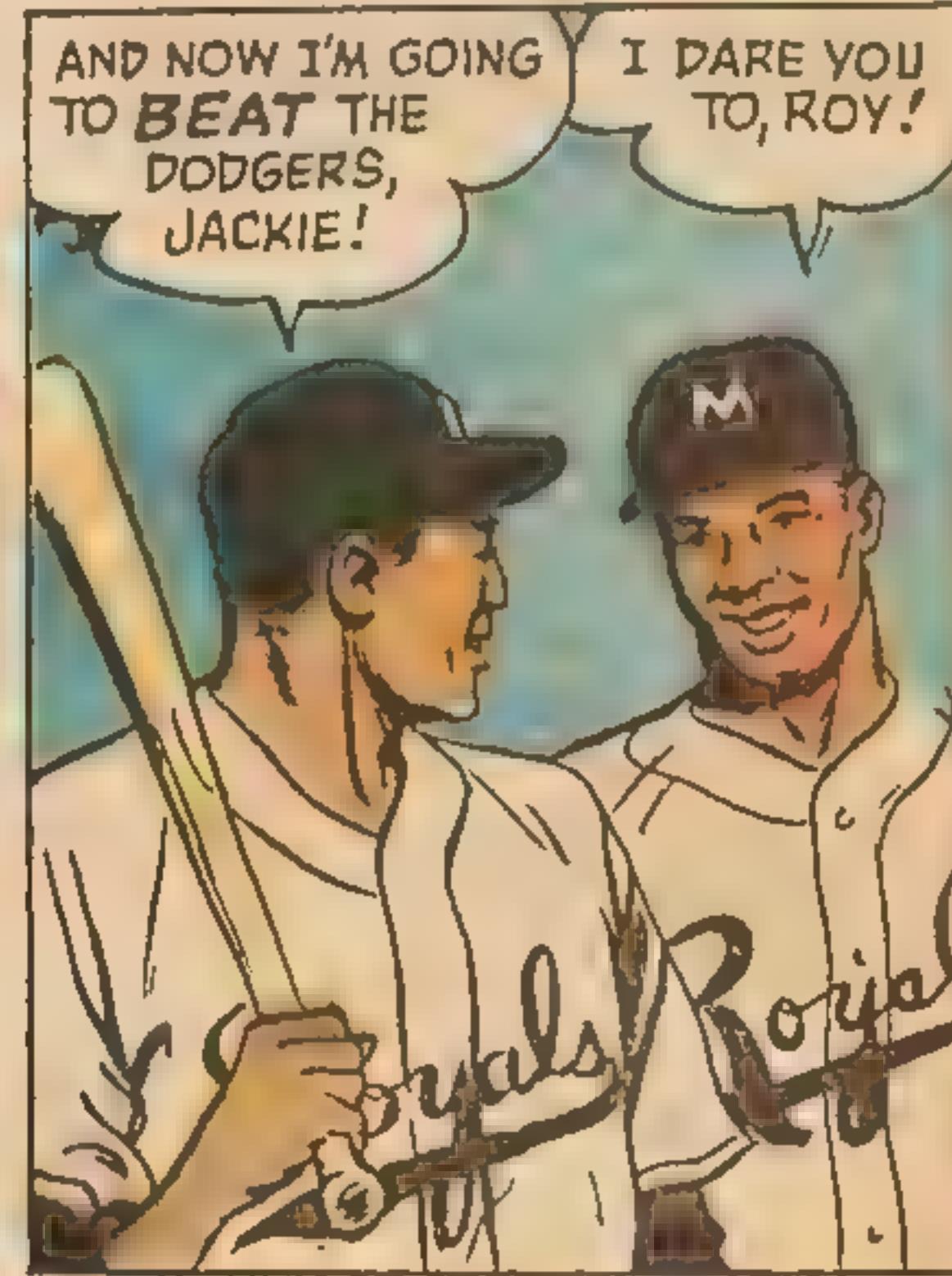
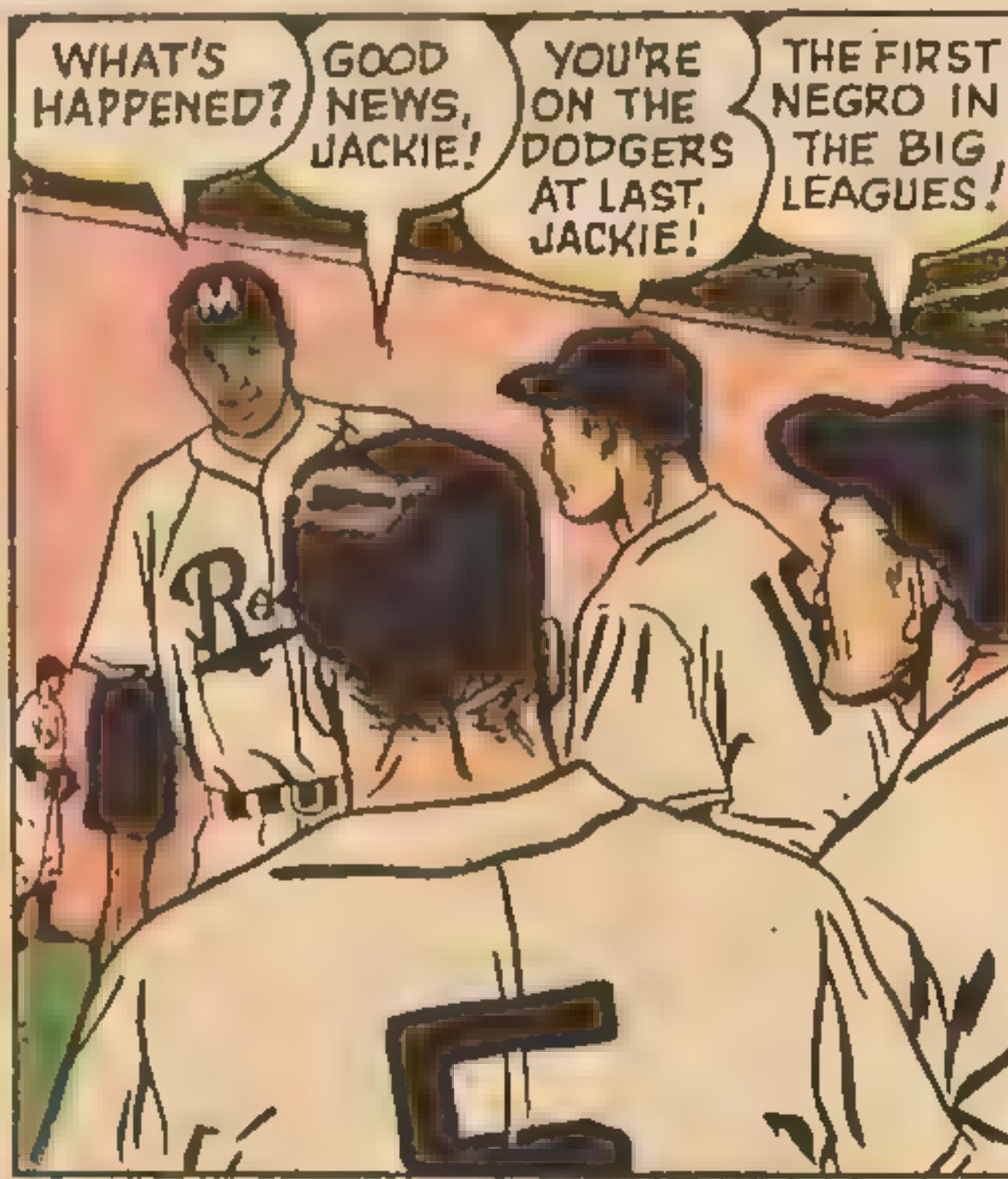


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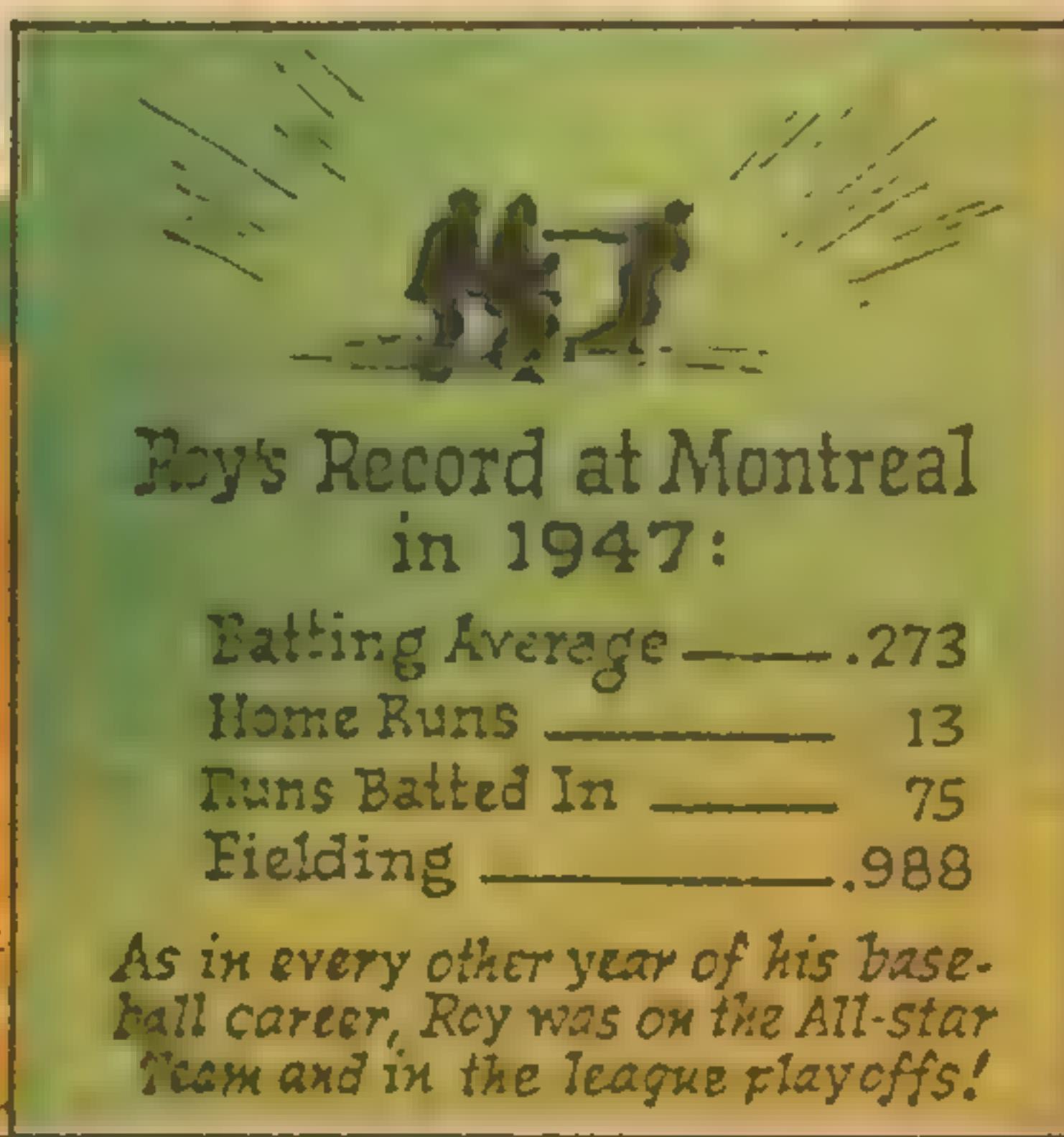
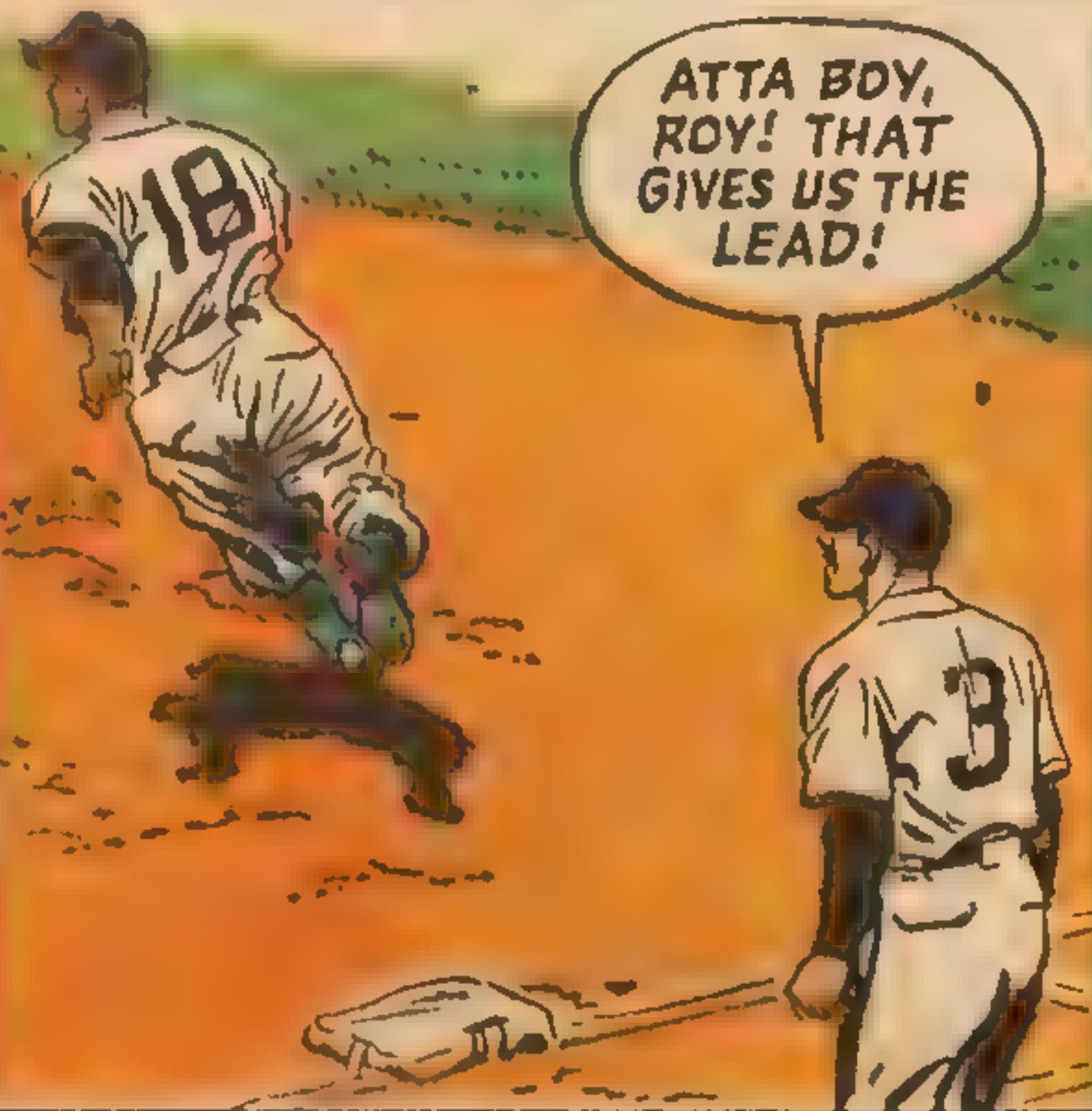
After playing winter ball in Venezuela, Roy reported to the Montreal Royals at Havana in March 1947! Manager Clay Hopper and Coach Clyde Sukeforth watched him train!



On stopping off at Ebbetts Field on the way north for an exhibition game against the Dodgers on April 19, 1947, Jackie Robinson went hitless the first two times at bat! In the fifth inning, he hit into a double play! As he disgustedly returned to the bench, his teammates greeted him as though he had just hit a home run!



With the Dodgers leading by one run, the next Royal batter walked! Then Roy whistled a double to left, scoring two mates! And the Royals won, 4 to 3!



## ROY CAMPANELLA. BASEBALL HERO

As the Dodgers entrained for their Florida camp in 1948, Brooklyn fans gossiped:

OUR BUMS'LL WIN THE FLAG THIS YEAR!

YES, IF RICKEY BRINGS CAMPY FROM MONTREAL THIS YEAR!

YOU SAID IT!

In Philadelphia...

I'LL MAKE THE DODGERS THIS YEAR, RUTH, OR...

YOU CAN'T FAIL, ROY! GOOD LUCK!

Arriving at Vero Beach, Roy met Dodger manager Leo (The Lip) Durocher!

HOWDY, ROY! READY TO CATCH FOR ME TOMORROW?

DODGERVILLE

YOU BET I AM, LEO!

BROOKLYN EAGLE  
Newscopy  
By  
Harold C. Burr

Vero Beach, Fla., March 10 -- Roy Campanella hit another homer today and threw out two runners trying to steal --

On April 23, 1948, the Dodgers opened the season at home. During pre-game practice...

CAMPY'S GOING TO CATCH!

HE'S TERRIFIC!

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Just before the game began...

YOU CATCH TODAY, BRUCE!

HEY, ROY! SIGN MY BALL!

OKAY, LEO!

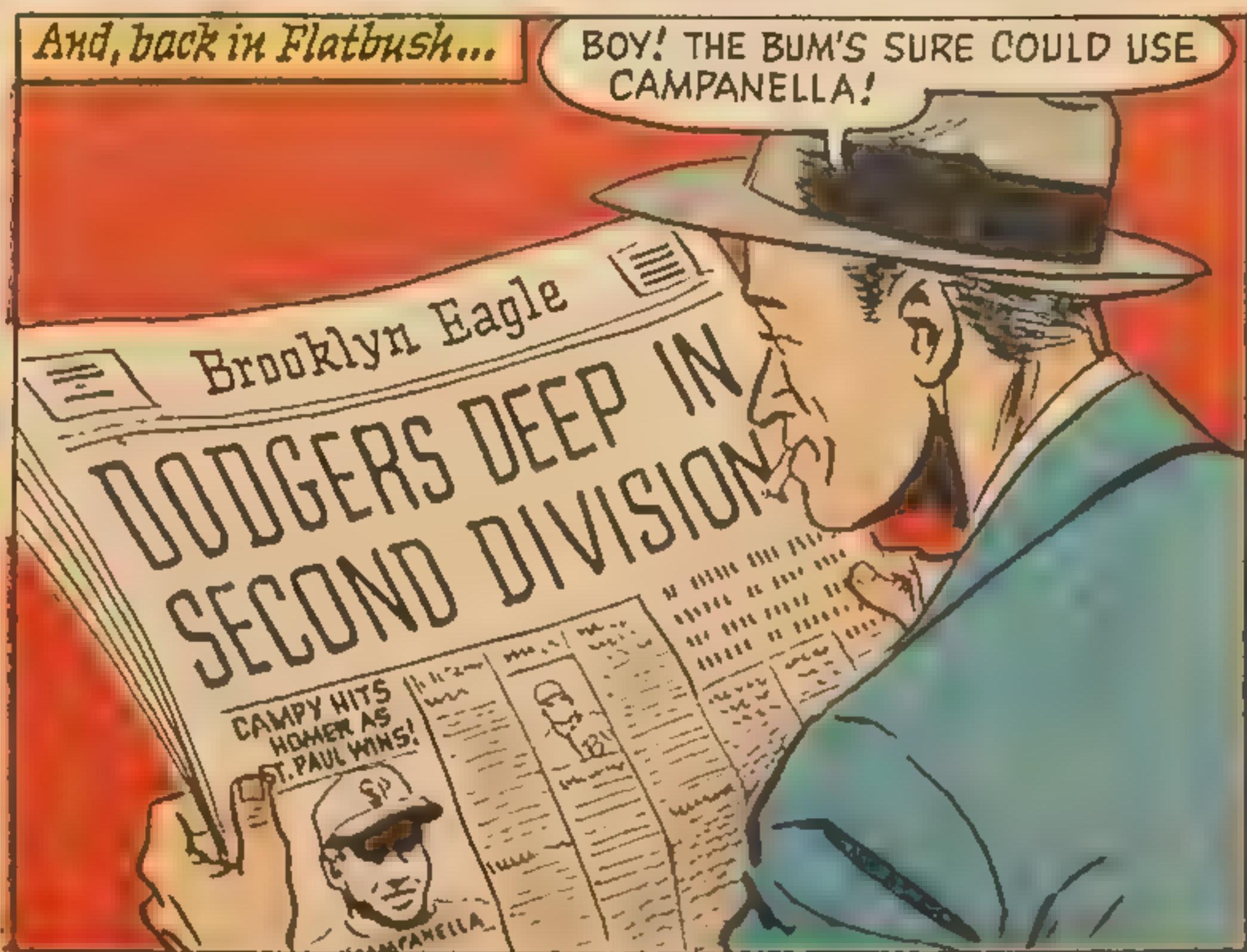
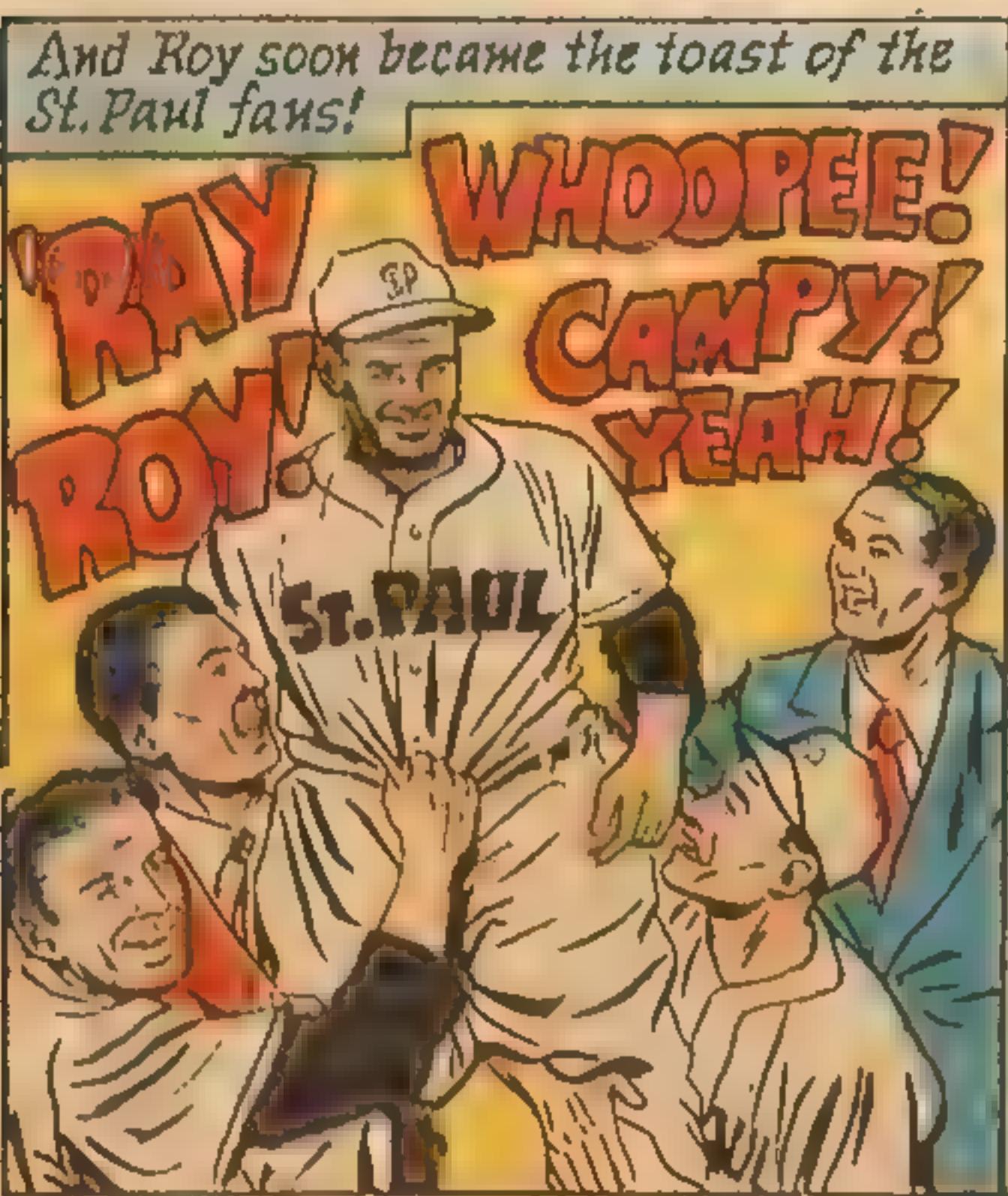
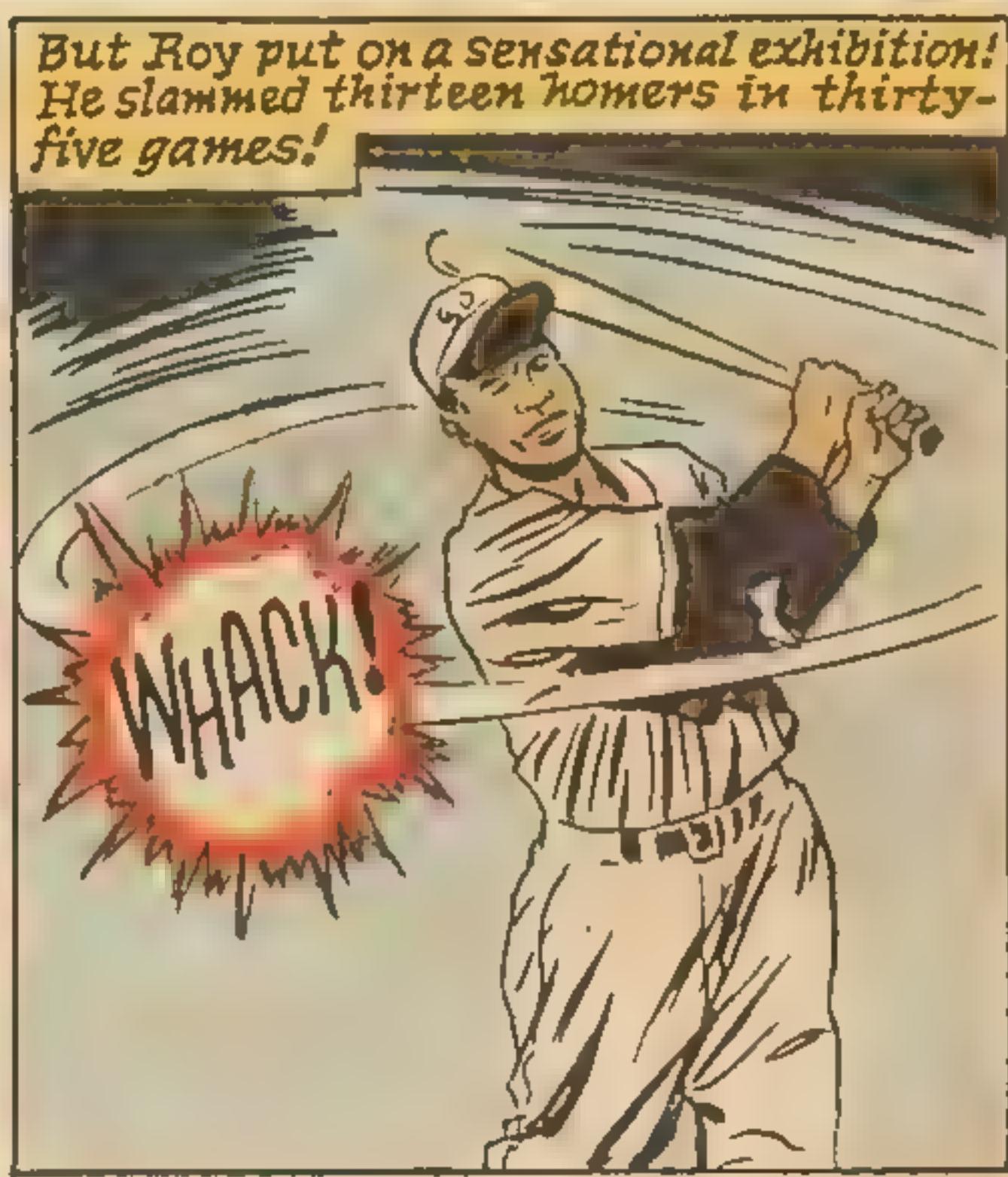
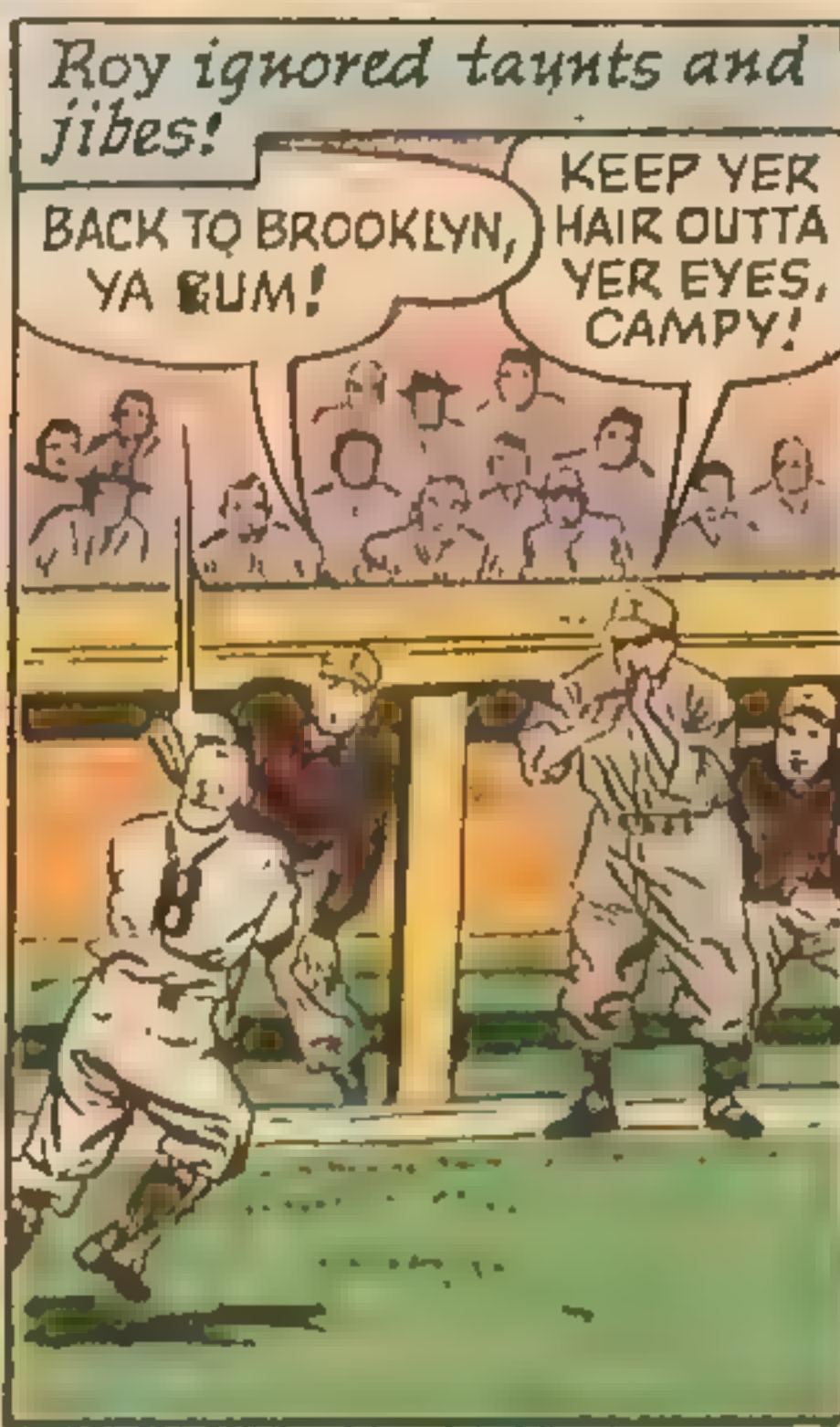
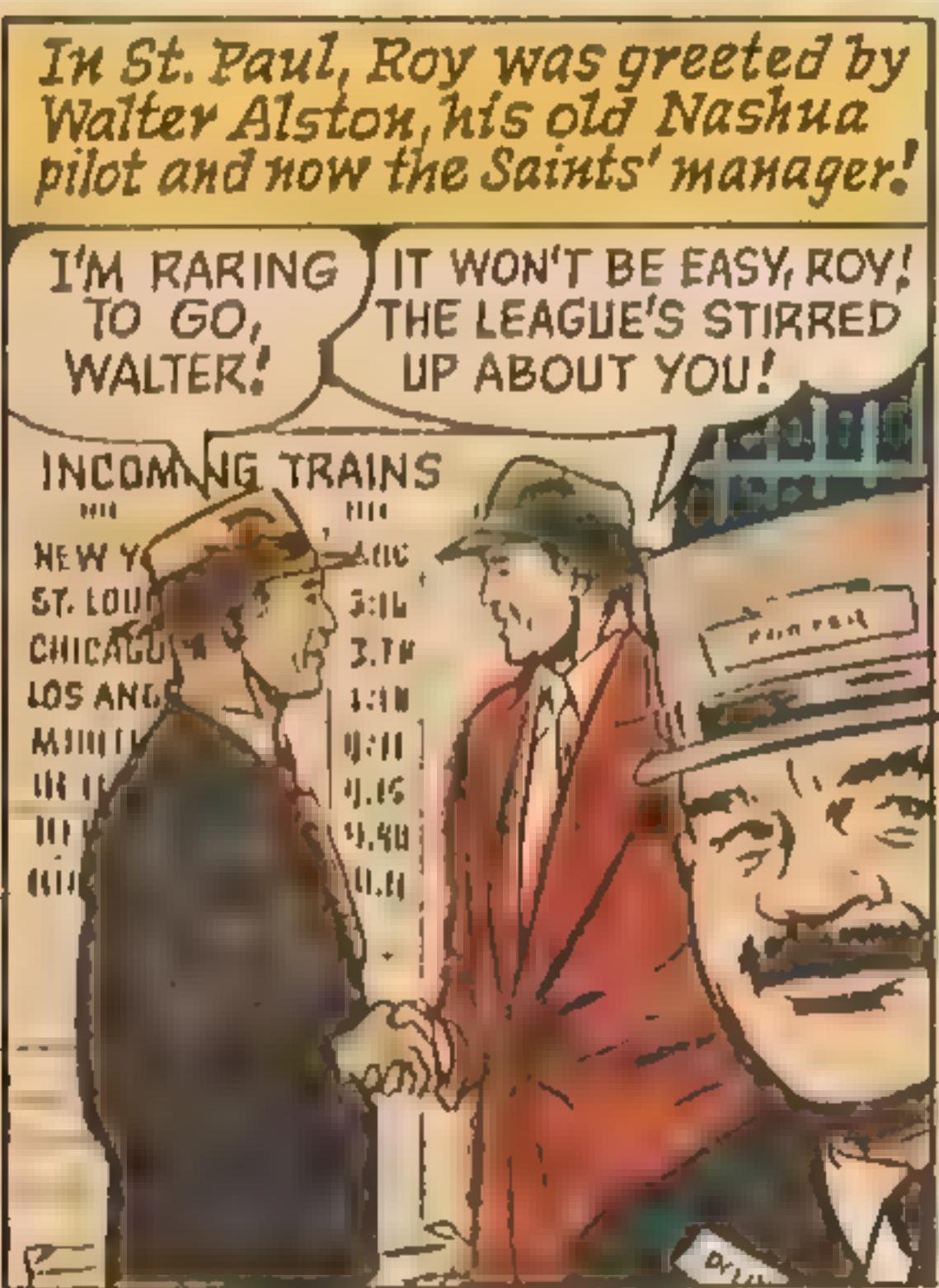
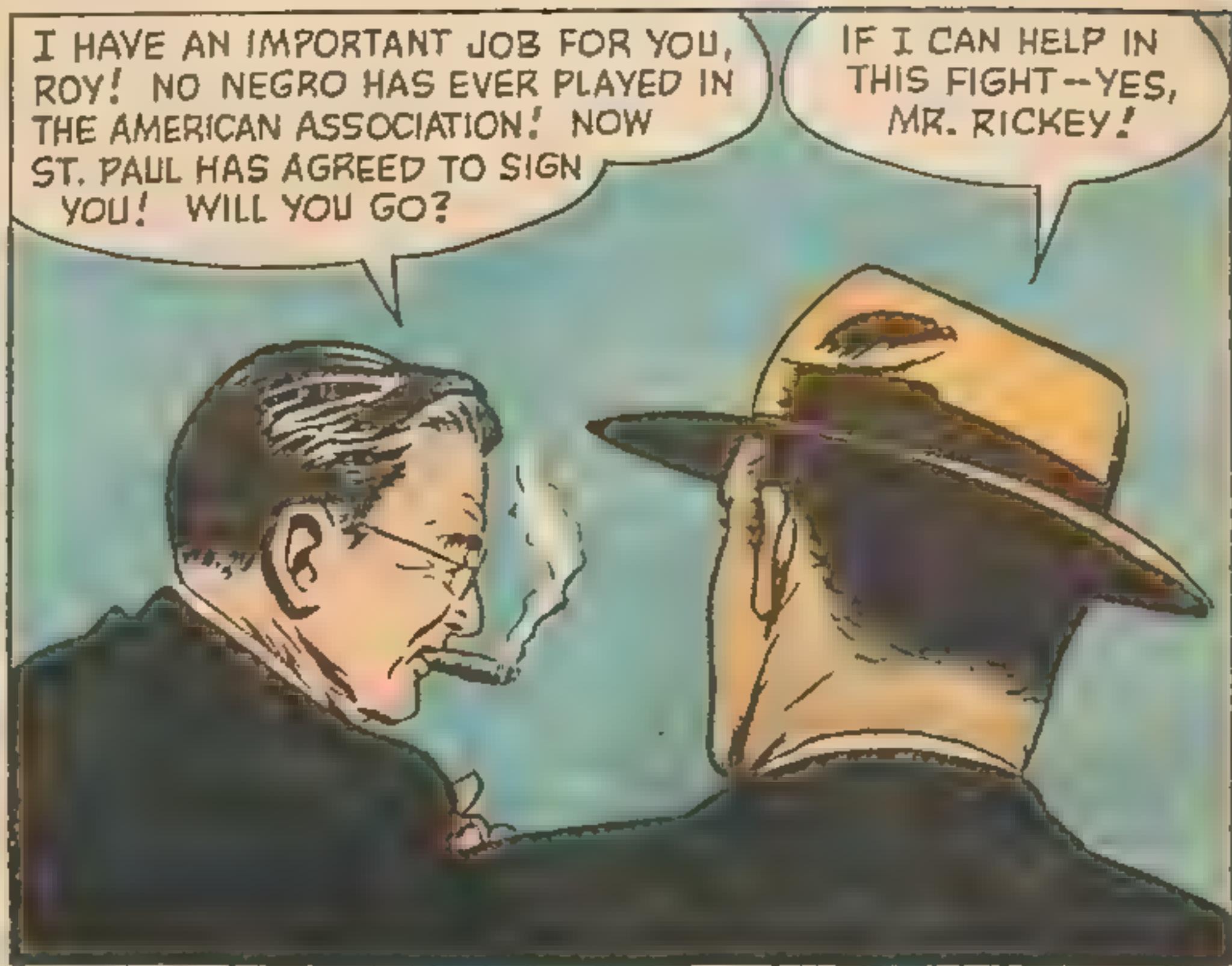
Day after day, Roy sat on the bench as the Dodgers sank into the second division! Then, on May 14...

MR. RICKEY WANTS TO SEE YOU, ROY!

AND I WANT TO SEE MR. RICKEY!

CLUB HOUSE PRIVATE

# ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO



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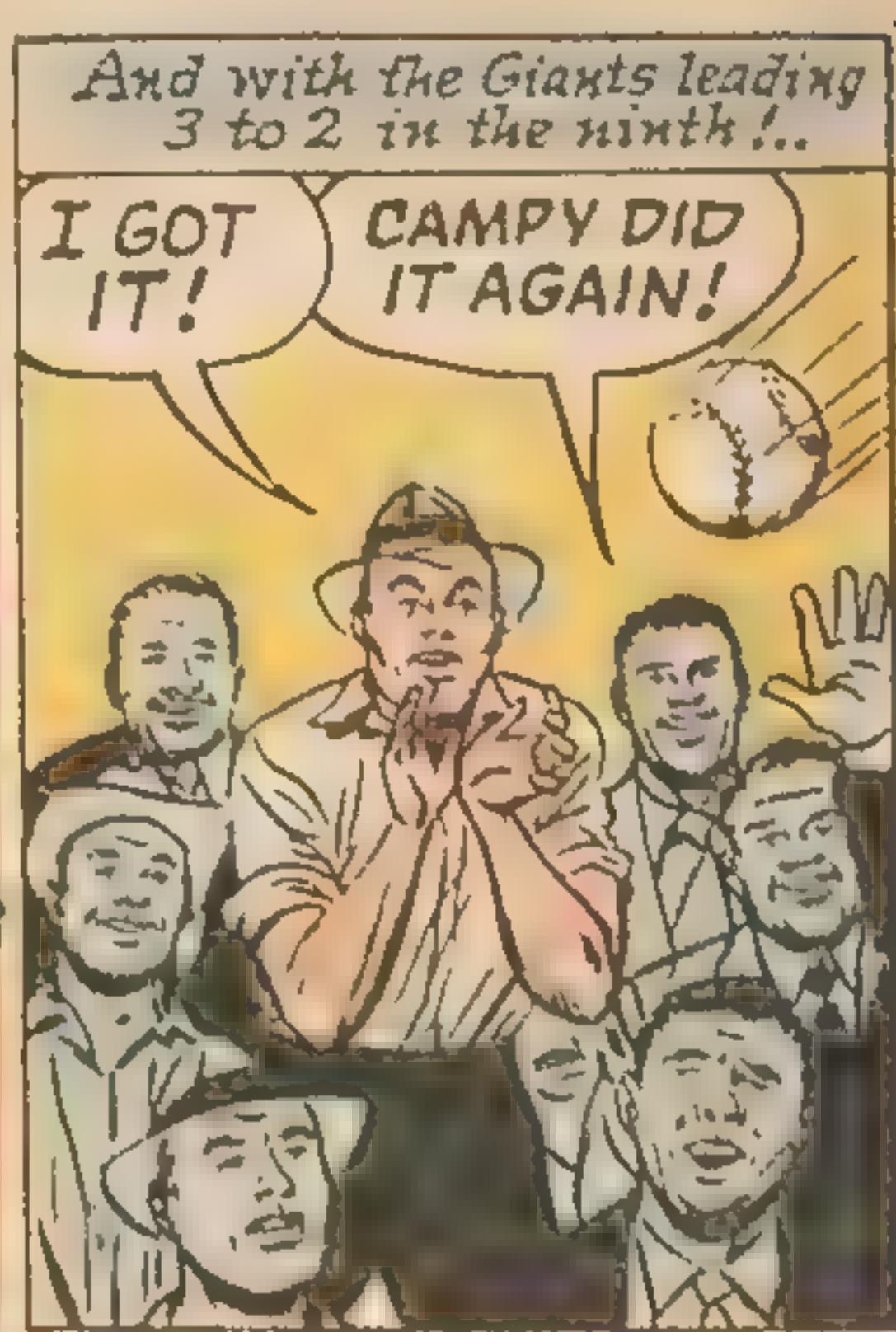
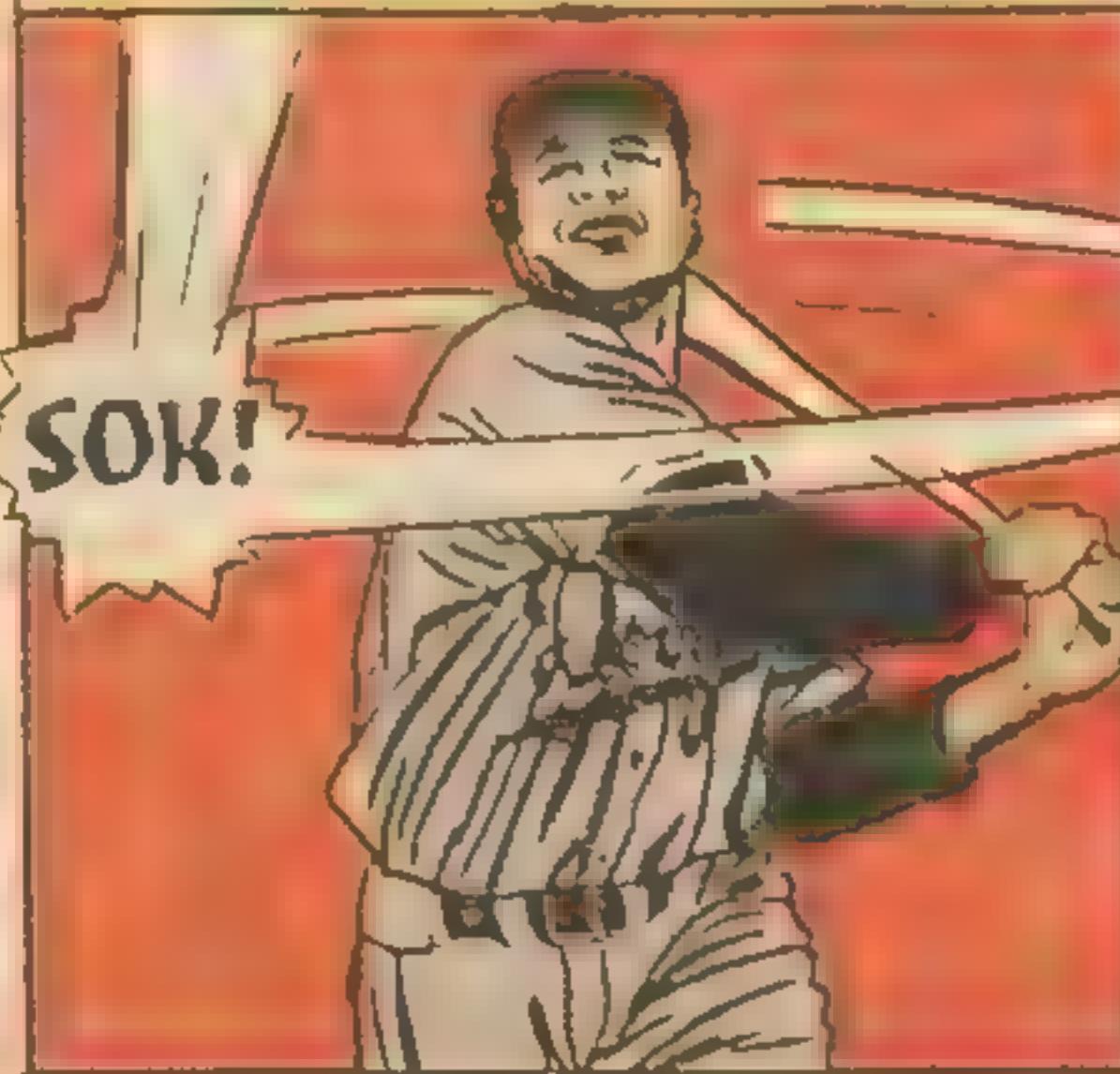
Branch Rickey responded to the  
pleas of Dodger fans!

THAT YOU, ALSTON? TELL  
CAMPANELLA TO GRAB A PLANE  
FOR NEW YORK TODAY!

Dashing from the airport to the  
Polo Grounds on July 2, Roy rushed  
into the Dodger line up! With the  
Giants leading 2 to 0 in the fifth,  
Roy belted a homer with a mate on  
base to tie the score!

And with the Giants leading  
3 to 2 in the ninth...

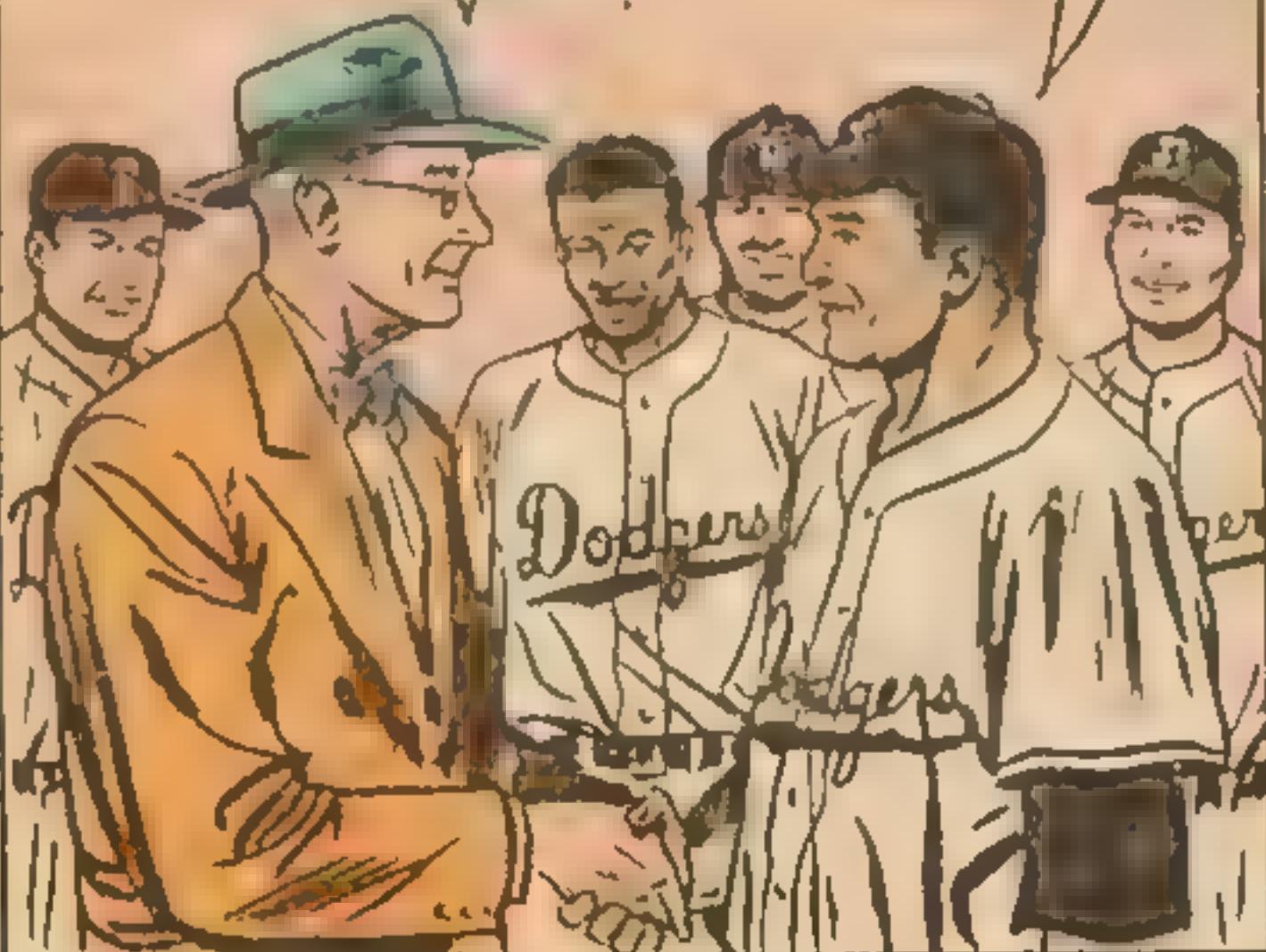
I GOT  
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CAMPY DID  
IT AGAIN!



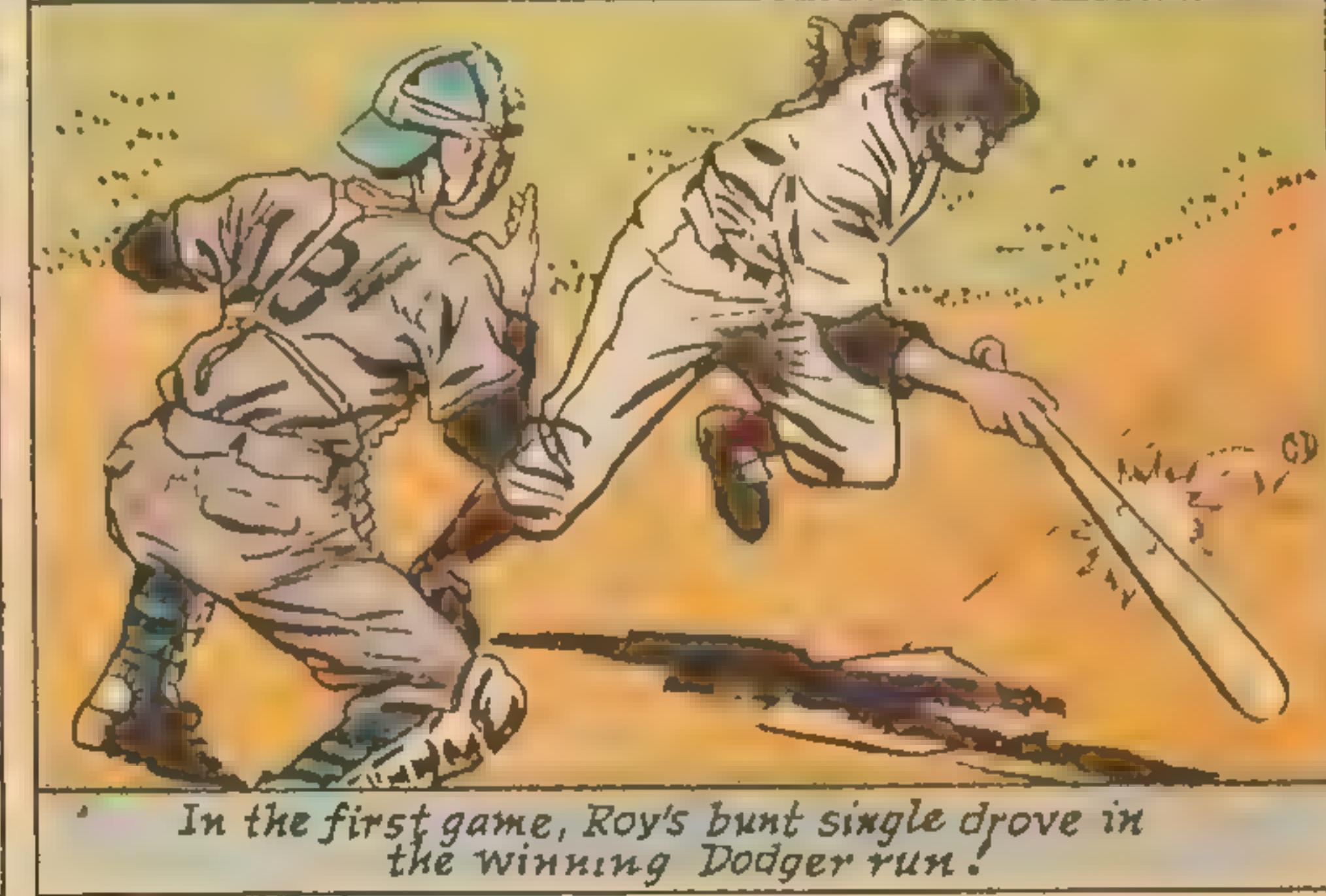
On July 18, the fifth place Dodgers had  
a new manager, genial Burt Shotton!

I LIKE YOUR .465 AVERAGE,  
ROY! YOU'RE MY NUMBER-ONE  
CATCHER!

THAT'S GREAT  
NEWS,  
MR. SHOTTON!



Iron Man Roy then caught a double-header against the  
World's Champion Cardinals!



In the first game, Roy's bunt single drove in  
the winning Dodger run.

Repeating  
his iron man  
stunt in  
the next  
day's twin  
bill,

Roy caught  
Rex  
Barney's  
cannon  
ball  
in  
the  
opener!

LET'S GO OVER THE CARD  
LINEUP, REX! WE'LL FEED  
MUSIAL LOW OUTSIDE  
CURVES -- AND GIVE  
SLAUGHTER HIGH, FAST  
BALLS!

I SEE WHAT YOU  
MEAN, ROY!

With uncanny control, the usually  
wild Barney fanned Stan Musial!

THAT'S IT,  
REX!



The Dodgers surged to victory as  
big Rex, guided by Roy, blanked  
the Cards with one hit!

# ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

All was not always peaches and cream with Roy! Enemy base runners often hurtled into him, spikes high!



To avoid the spikes, Roy was forced to sidestep!

In a game against the Boston Braves, Roy took a low pitch...

# STRIKE!



THAT WAS A ROTTEN DECISION, UMP!

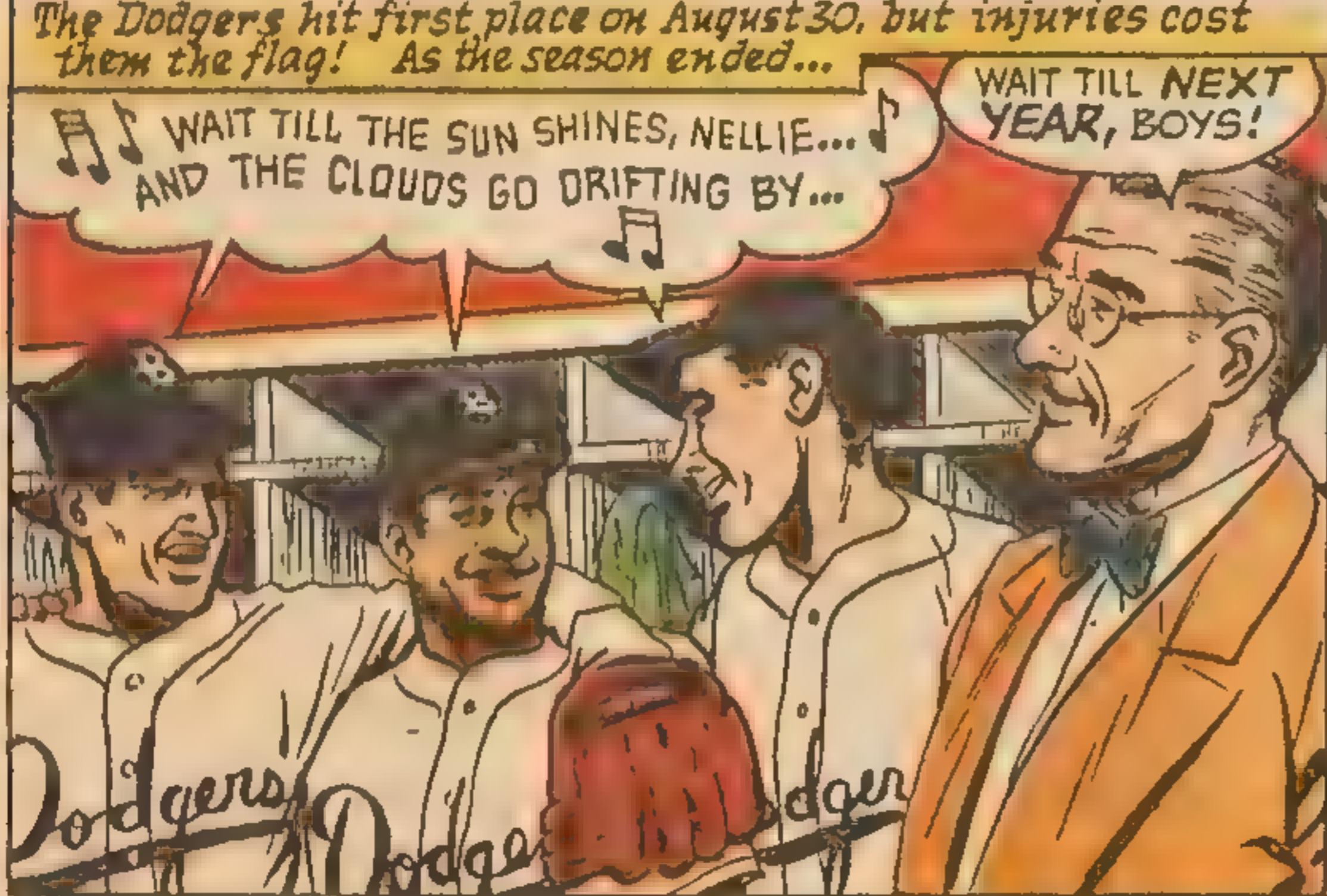
THAT'S ENOUGH OUT OF YOU, CAMPANELLA! LEAVE THE FIELD!



The Dodgers hit first place on August 30, but injuries cost them the flag! As the season ended...

WAIT TILL THE SUN SHINES, NELLIE...  
AND THE CLOUDS GO DRIFTING BY...

WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR, BOYS!



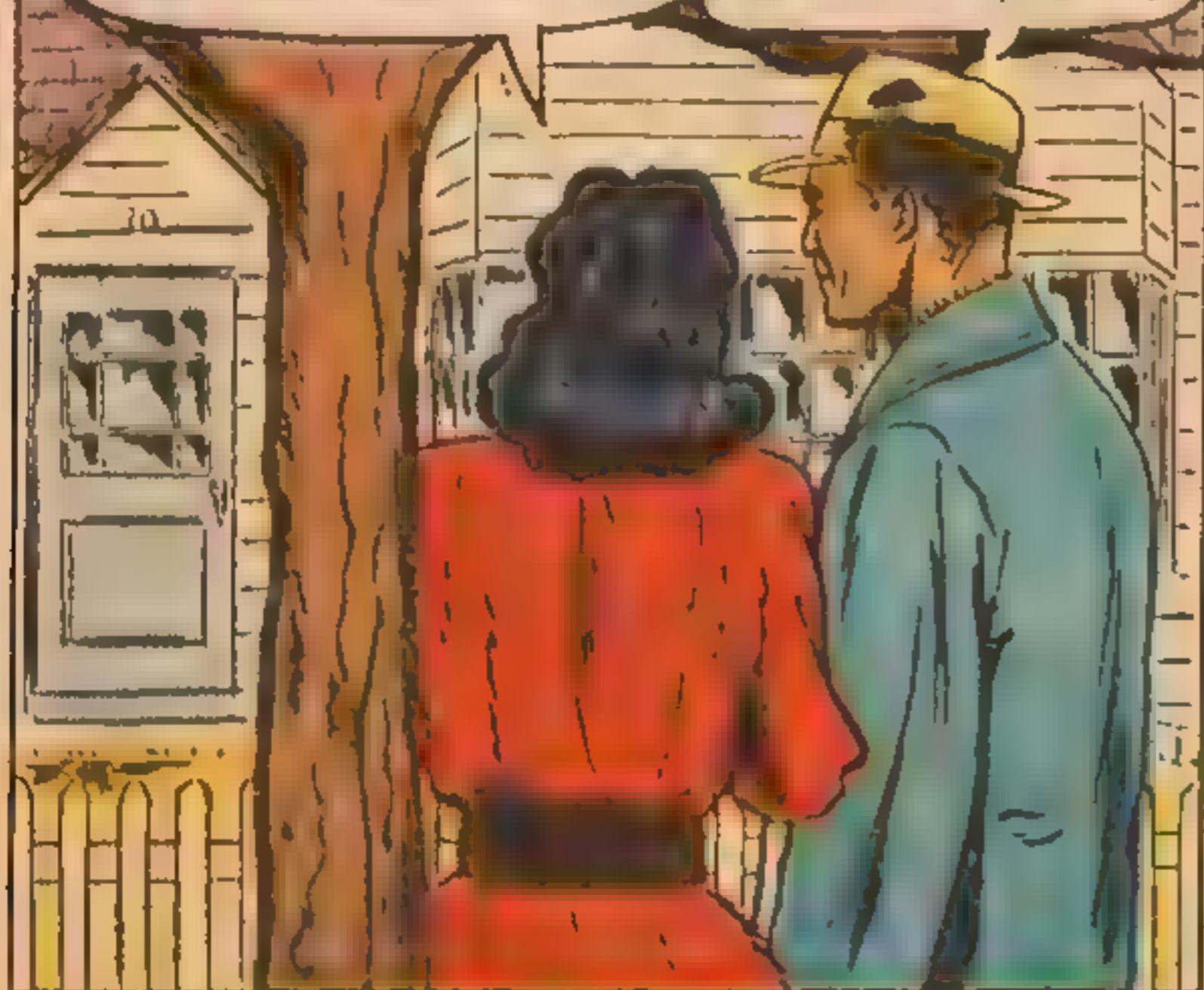
Roy's Record at St. Paul and Brooklyn... 1948:

Batting Average	—	.278
Total Hits	—	112
Doubles	—	16
Triples	—	5
Homers	—	22
Runs Batted In	—	84
Fielding	—	.973

Led NL catchers in double plays.

That winter, Roy played no ball for the first time in his career. Instead...

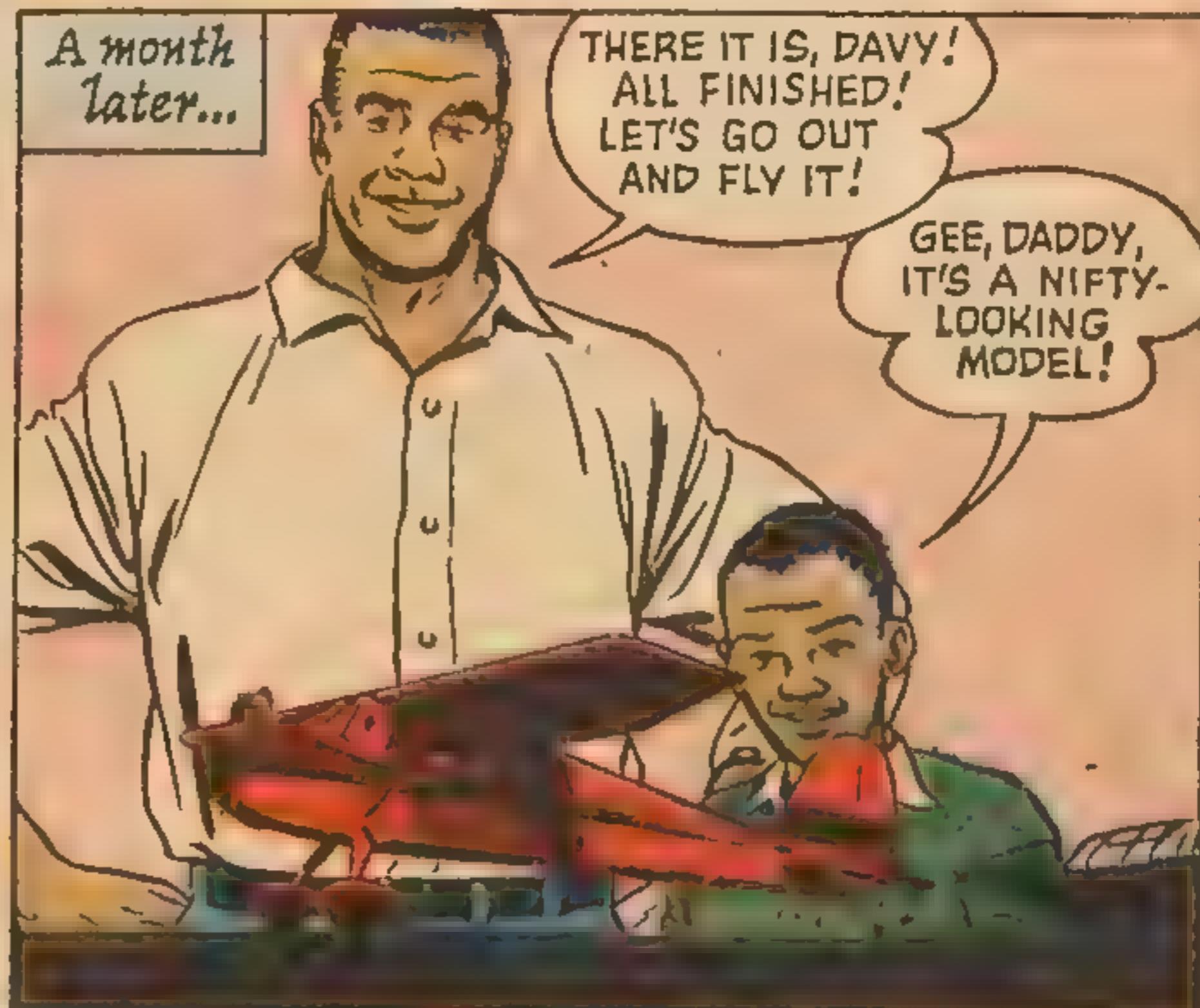
WHAT A LOVELY HOUSE! LET'S BUY IT, RUTH!



A month later...

THERE IT IS, DAVY!  
ALL FINISHED!  
LET'S GO OUT AND FLY IT!

GEE, DADDY,  
IT'S A NIFTY-  
LOOKING  
MODEL!



# ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

APRIL 20, 1949...

The young Dodgers surged into the new season, eager to avenge their 1948 defeat!

## PLAY BALL!



In mid-May, Roy, batting .438, led the Dodgers!

PARDON  
MY  
HIP!

ANOTHER  
TWO-BAGGER  
FOR  
CAMPY!

OOF!

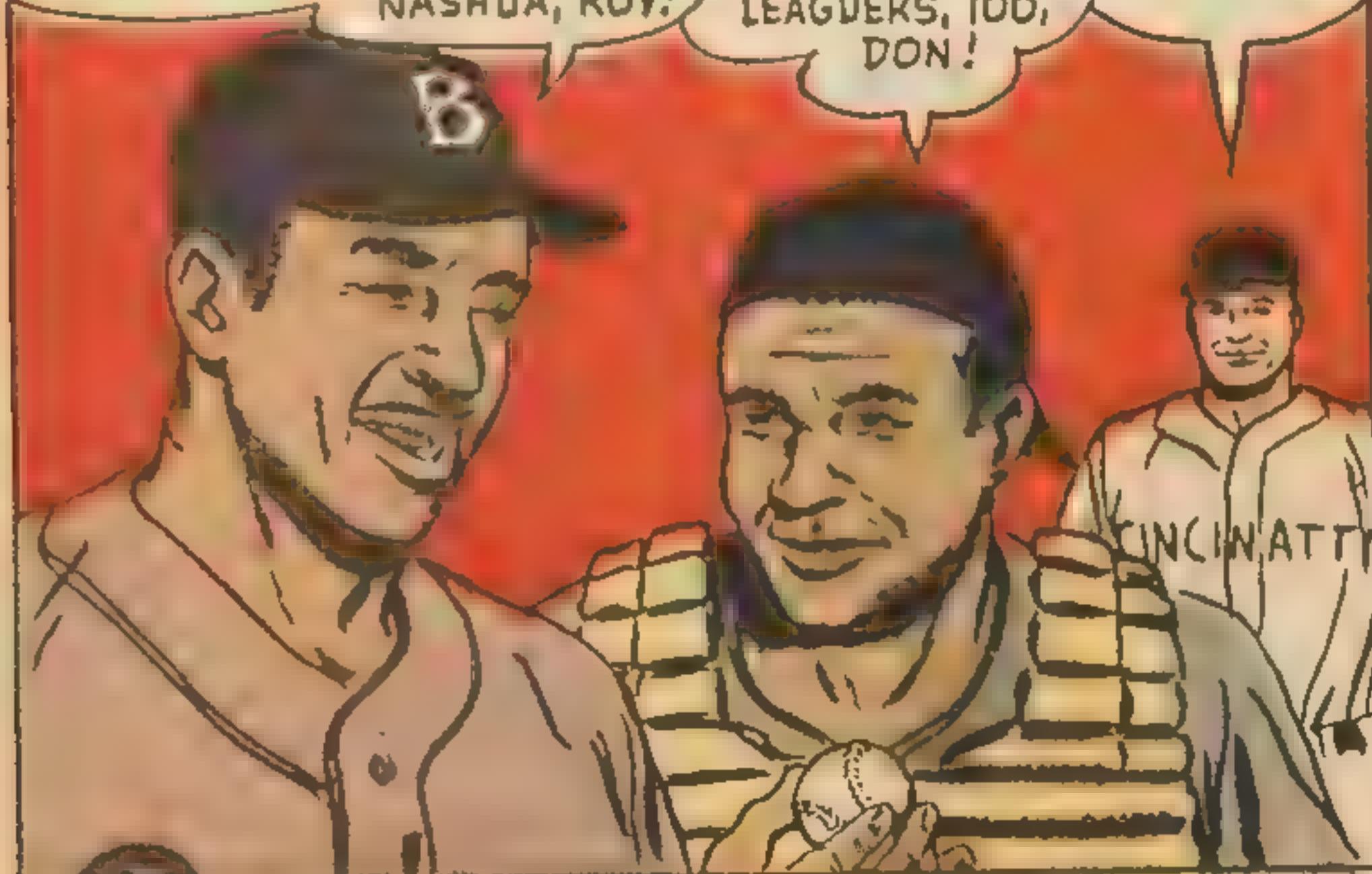
But pitching weakness kept the Dodgers in the Second Division!

On May 20, Don Newcombe was recalled from Montreal to face the Cincinnati Reds!

WE'RE TOGETHER, LIKE AT NASHUA, ROY!

AND YOU CAN BEAT THOSE BIG LEAGUERS, TOO, DON!

WHAT A BATTERY!



At Ebbets Field on July 12...

DI MAGGIO, ROBINSON, MUSIAL, CAMPANELLA, THESE WATCHES ARE SOUVENIRS OF THIS GREAT ALL-STAR GAME!

HERE'S YOURS, JOE!

THANK YOU,  
COMMISSIONER CHANDLER!



Once again an All-Star, Roy caught six innings, the Americans winning, 10 to 6!

Swiftly the Dodgers rose to the top! Jackie's blazing hits, Don's scorching fast ball, Pee Wee's sizzling fielding, Roy's fiery receiving, burned up the league!

Throughout August the Dodgers topped the league, but in September they faltered before the onrush...

WE'RE IN THE HOME STRETCH AND EVERY GAME COUNTS! TOMORROW WE FACE THE PIRATES, AND RALPH KINER!

THE PIRATES WILL PITCH BILL WERLE, MR. SHOTTON!

WERLE HAS A WICKED FAST BALL-- AND SOMETIMES HE'S AWFULLY WILD!

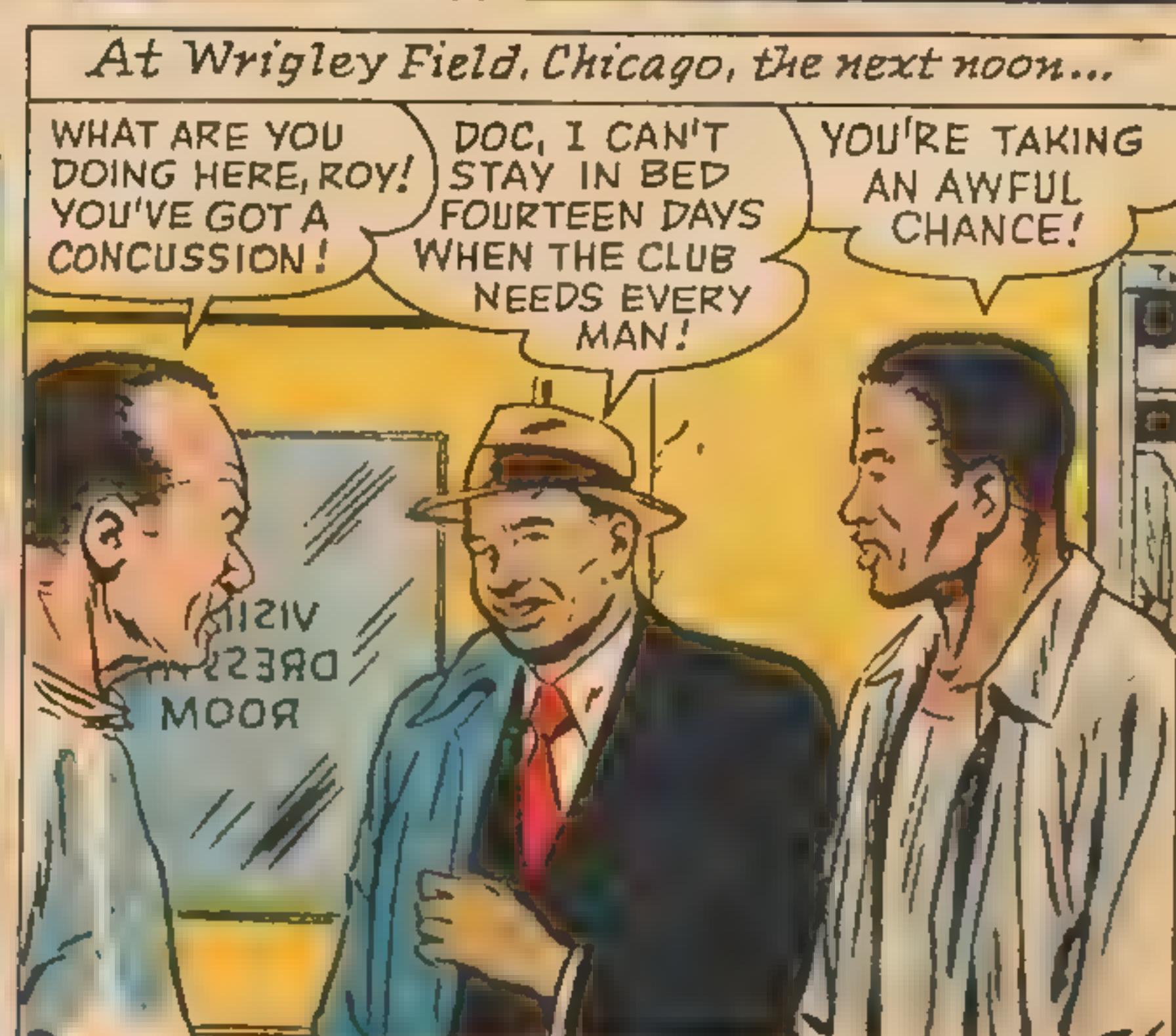
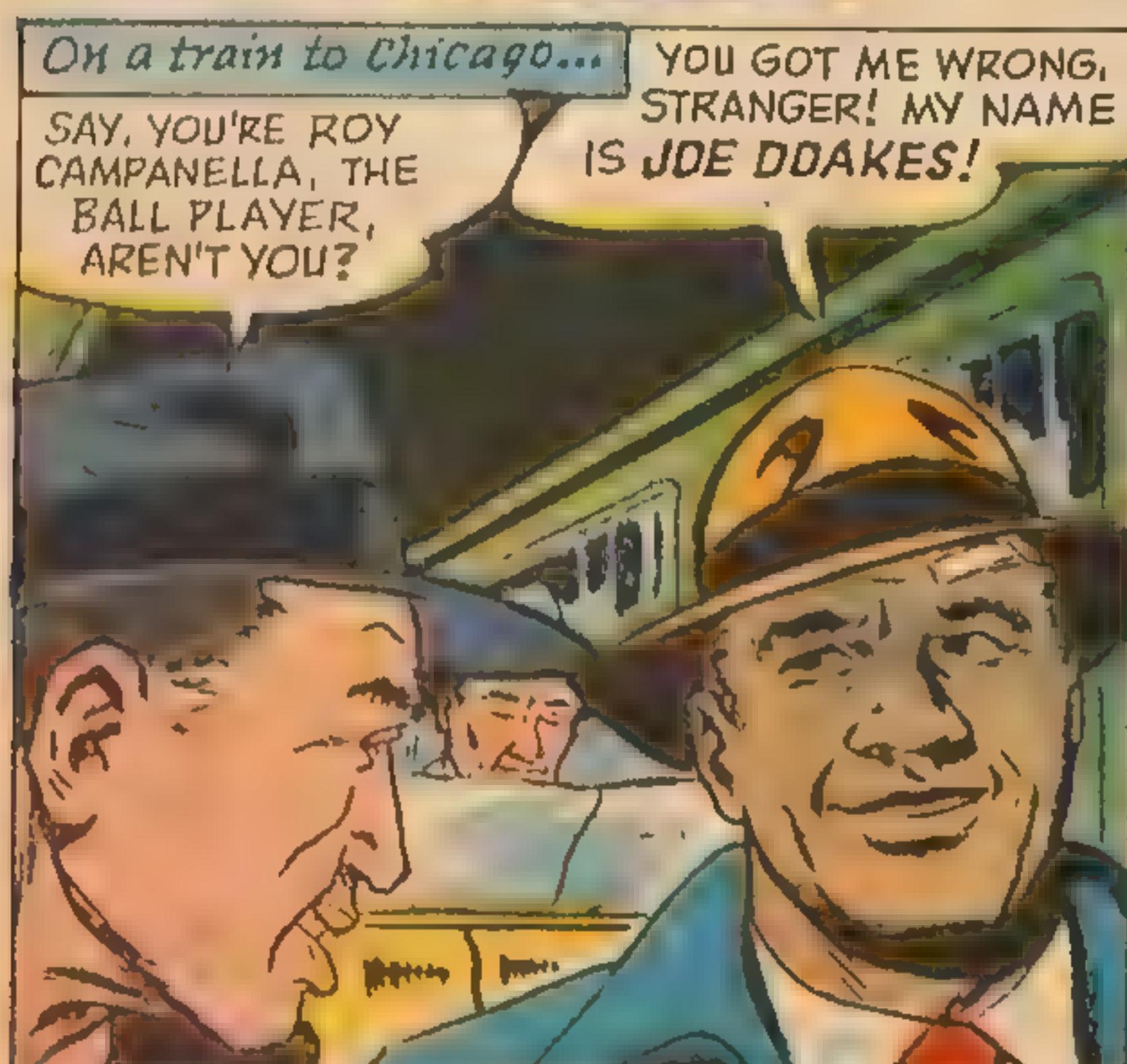
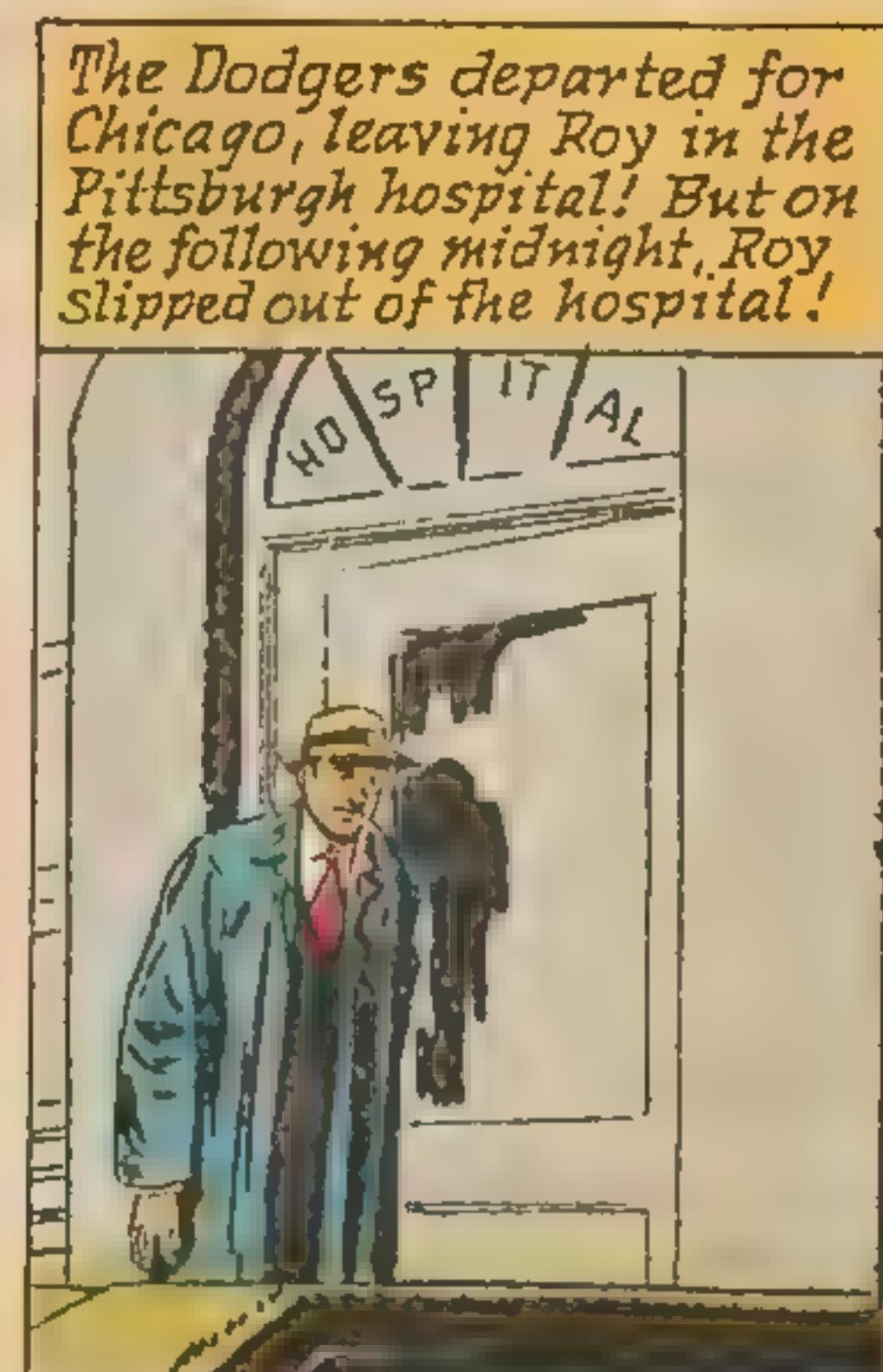
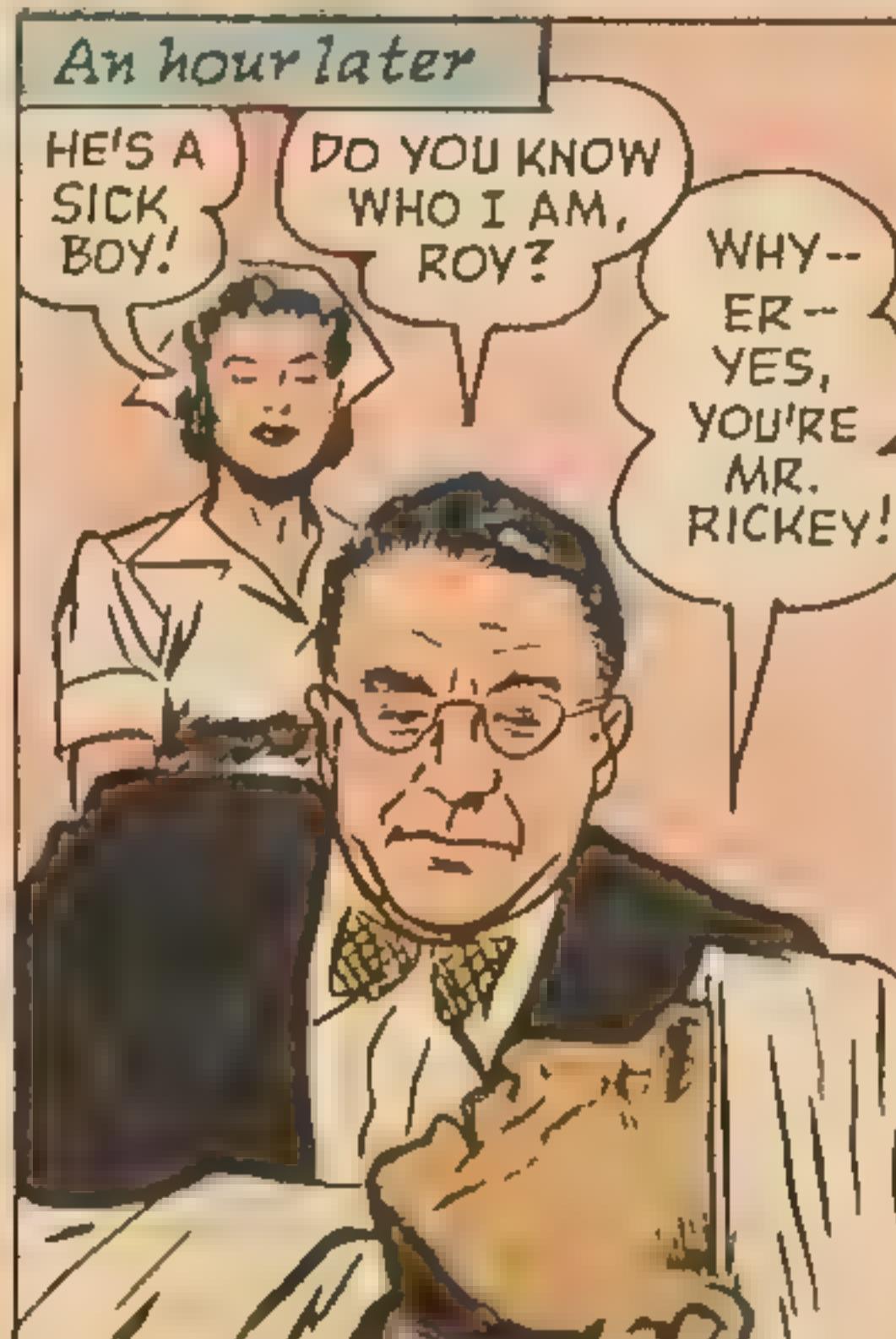
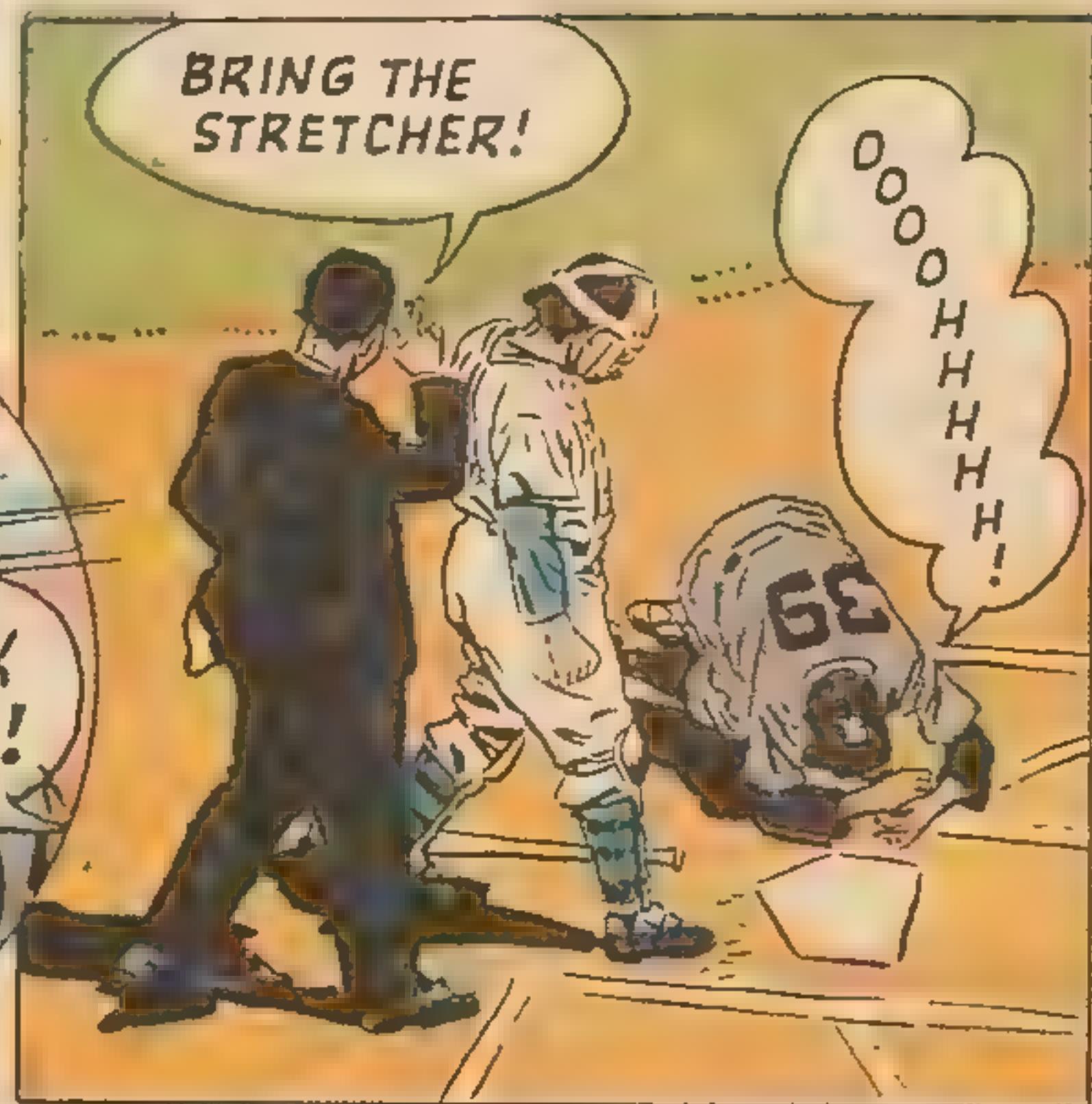
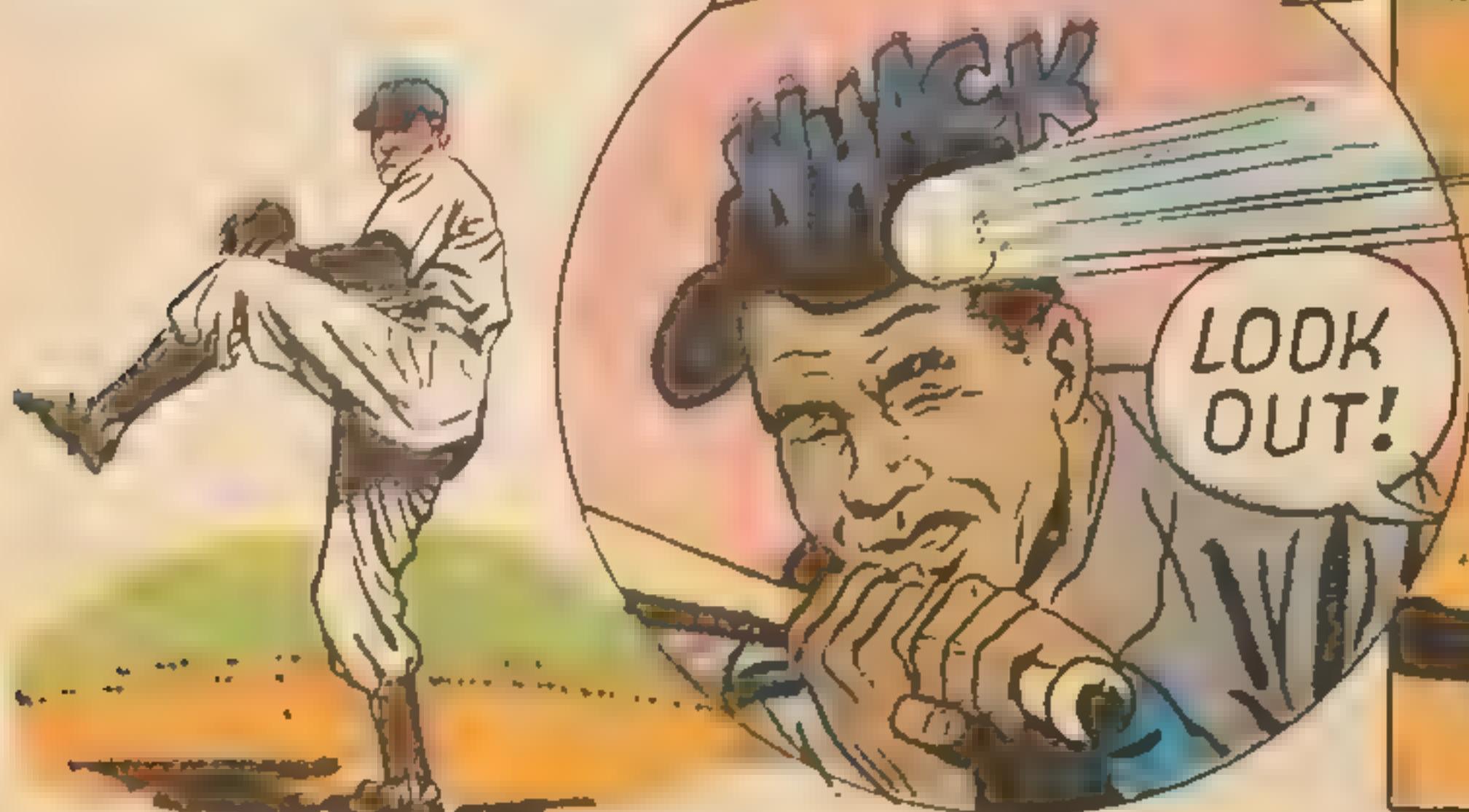


# ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

And Werle WAS wild! In the third inning, with Roy at bat, Werle wound up and --

-- uncorked a fast one!

BRING THE STRETCHER!

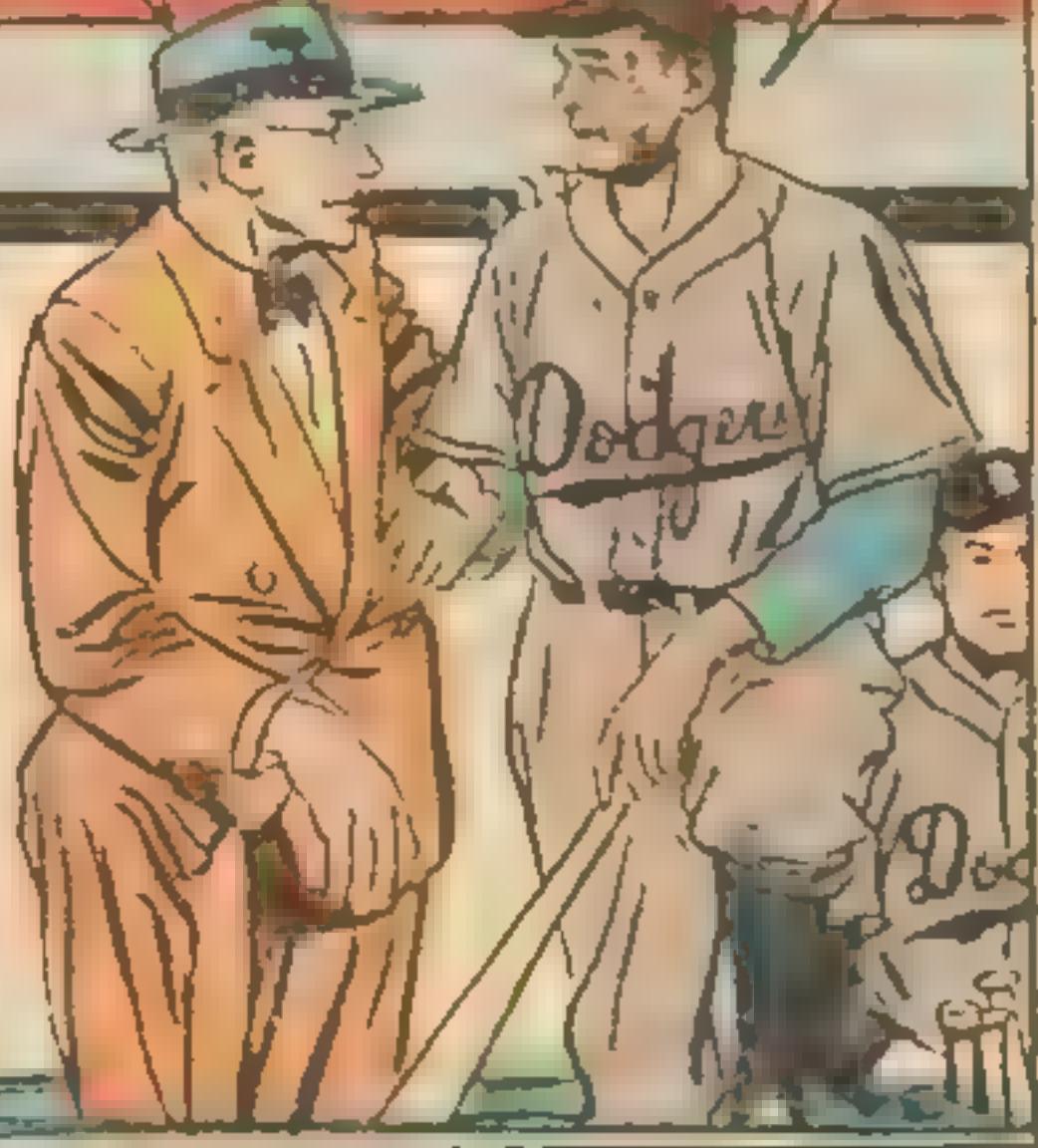


# ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

A few minutes before the game with the Cubs...

I FORBID YOU TO PLAY, ROY!

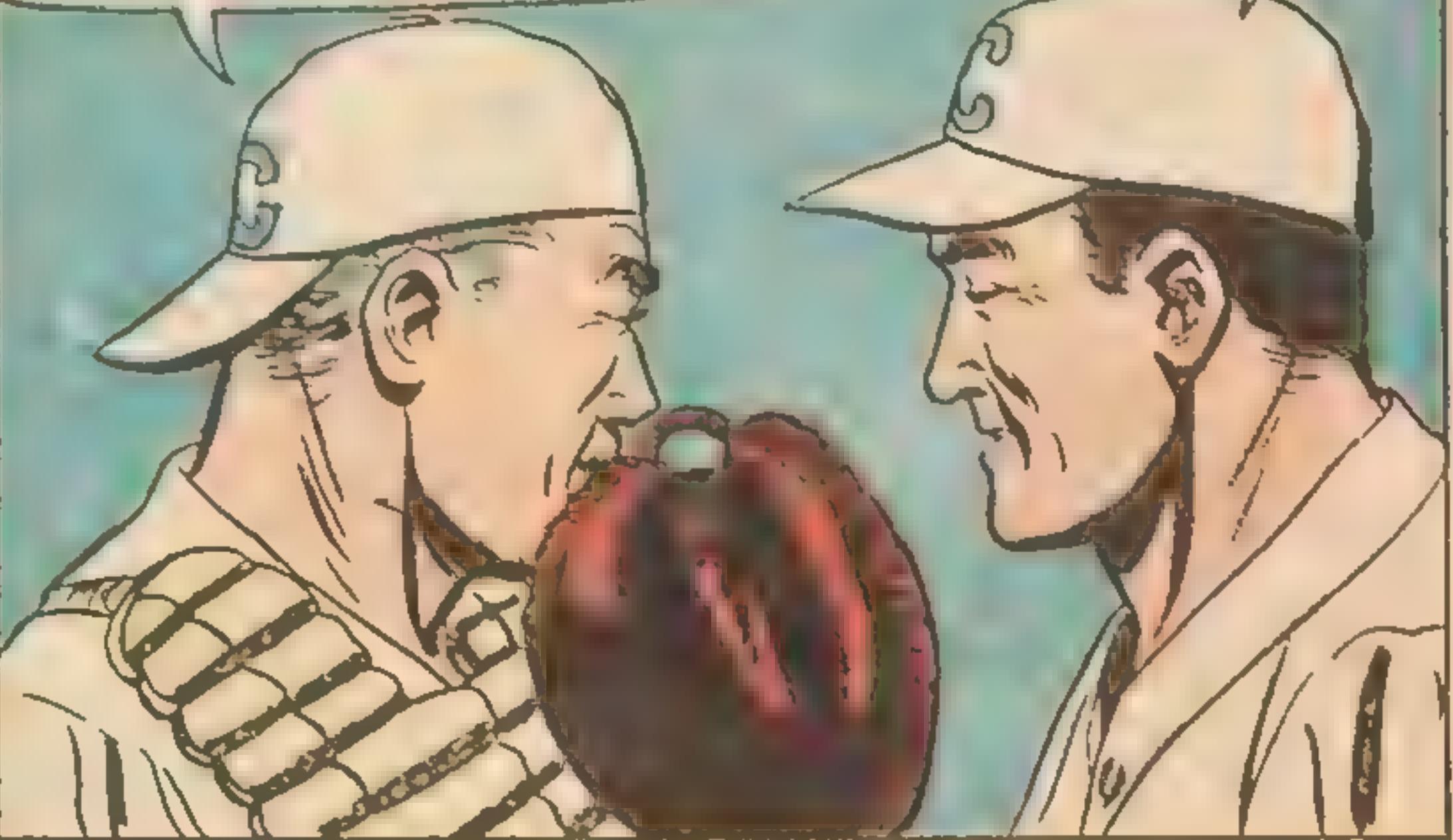
BUT I FEEL OKAY, MR. SHOTTON! LET ME PLAY A FEW INNINGS!



Such determination could not be stayed! Roy caught the first two innings! He went to bat in the third...

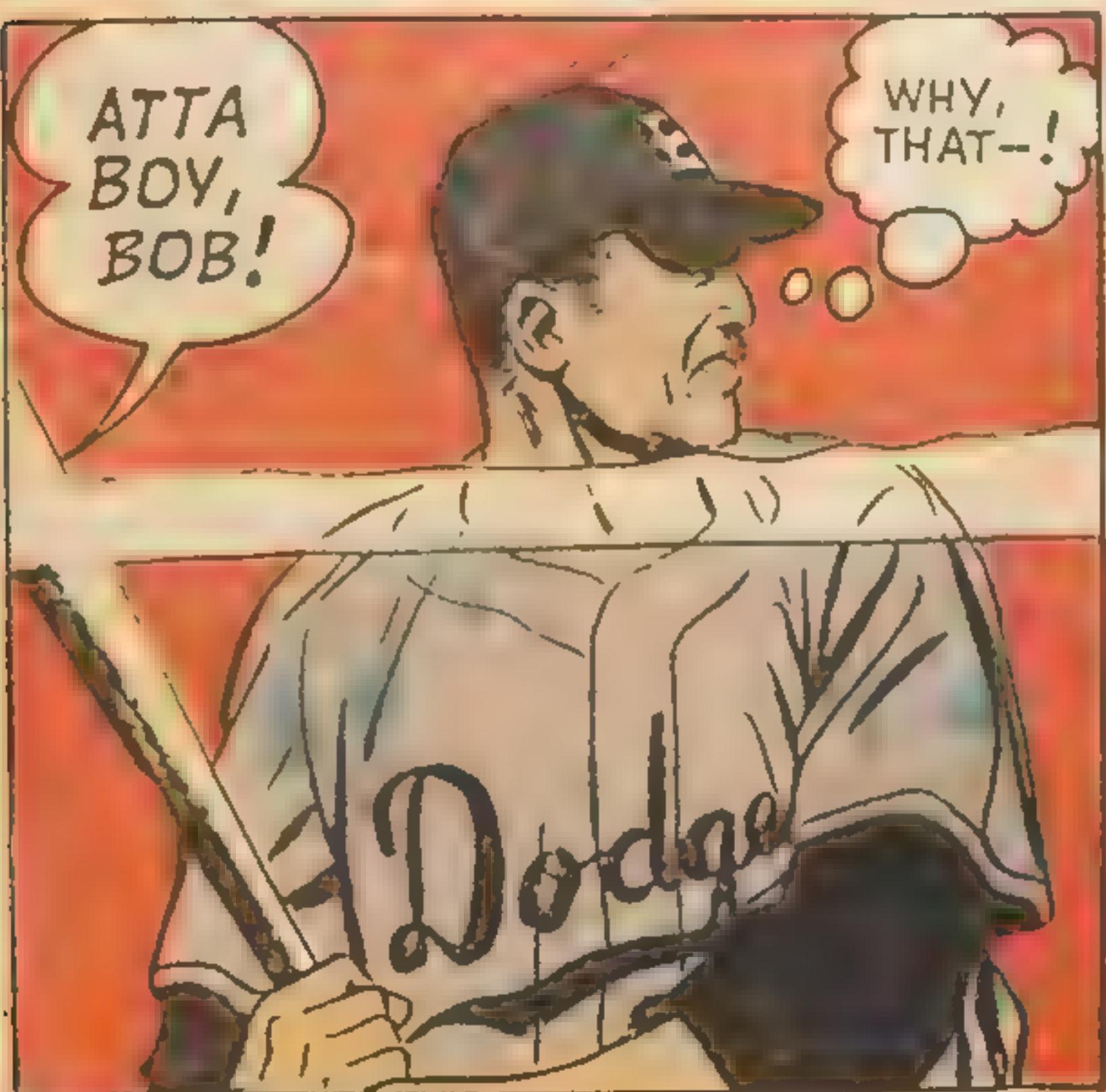
CAMPY'S SURE TO BE BALL SHY, BOB! THROW ONE UNDER HIS CHIN!

OKAY, MIKE!

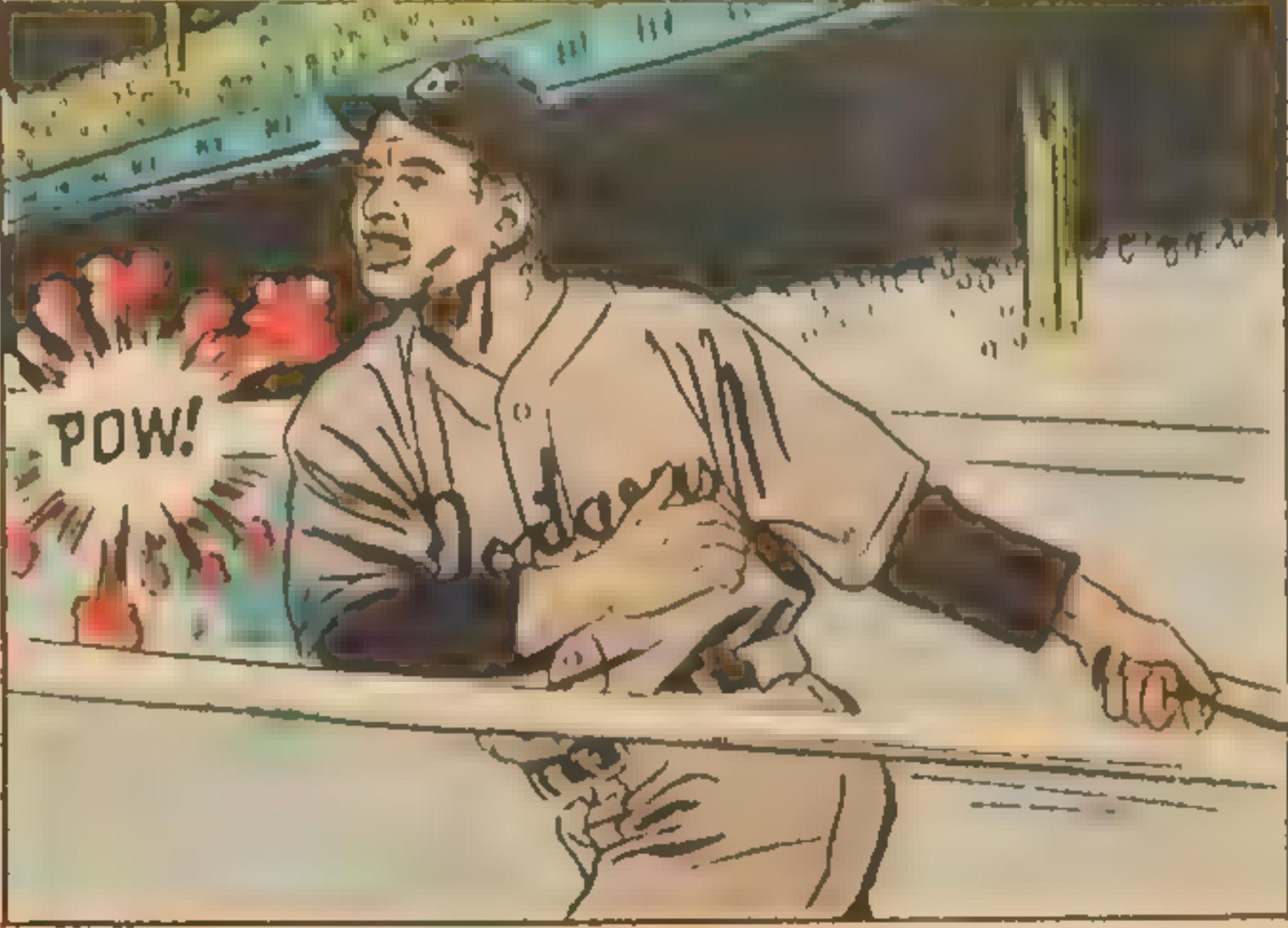


ATTA BOY, BOB!

WHY, THAT-!



But with the count 3 and 2, the Cub hurler was forced to groove the ball! And Roy cracked a long single to score the first Dodger run! His double in the sixth added two more!



After Roy singled in the ninth, he swayed dizzily off first base! Coach Jake Pitler ran to his aid!

I'M ALL RIGHT, I TELL YOU, JAKE!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE PLAYED TODAY!



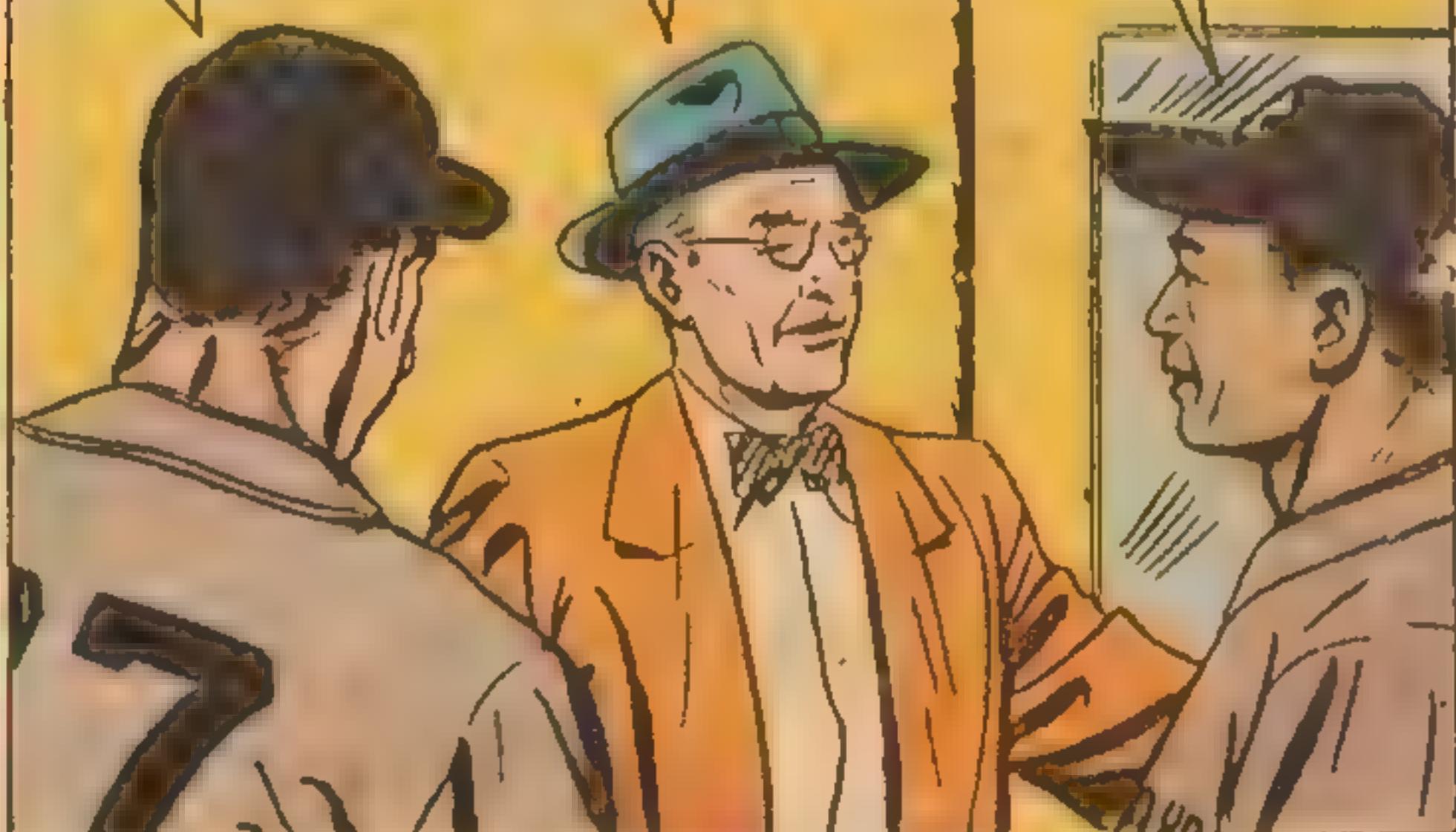
Thanks to Roy's magnificent hitting, the Dodgers licked the Cubs, 4 to 2!

After the game...

ROY WAS DIZZY, MR. SHOTTON!

I SHOULD HAVE KEPT YOU ON THE BENCH, ROY!

NOTHING DOING! I'M GOING TO PLAY EVERY INNING UNTIL WE WIN THE FLAG!



# ROY CAMPANELLA, BASEBALL HERO

And Roy did play every inning of every game, including a twin bill against the powerful Cardinals, who were leading the league by one and a half games!

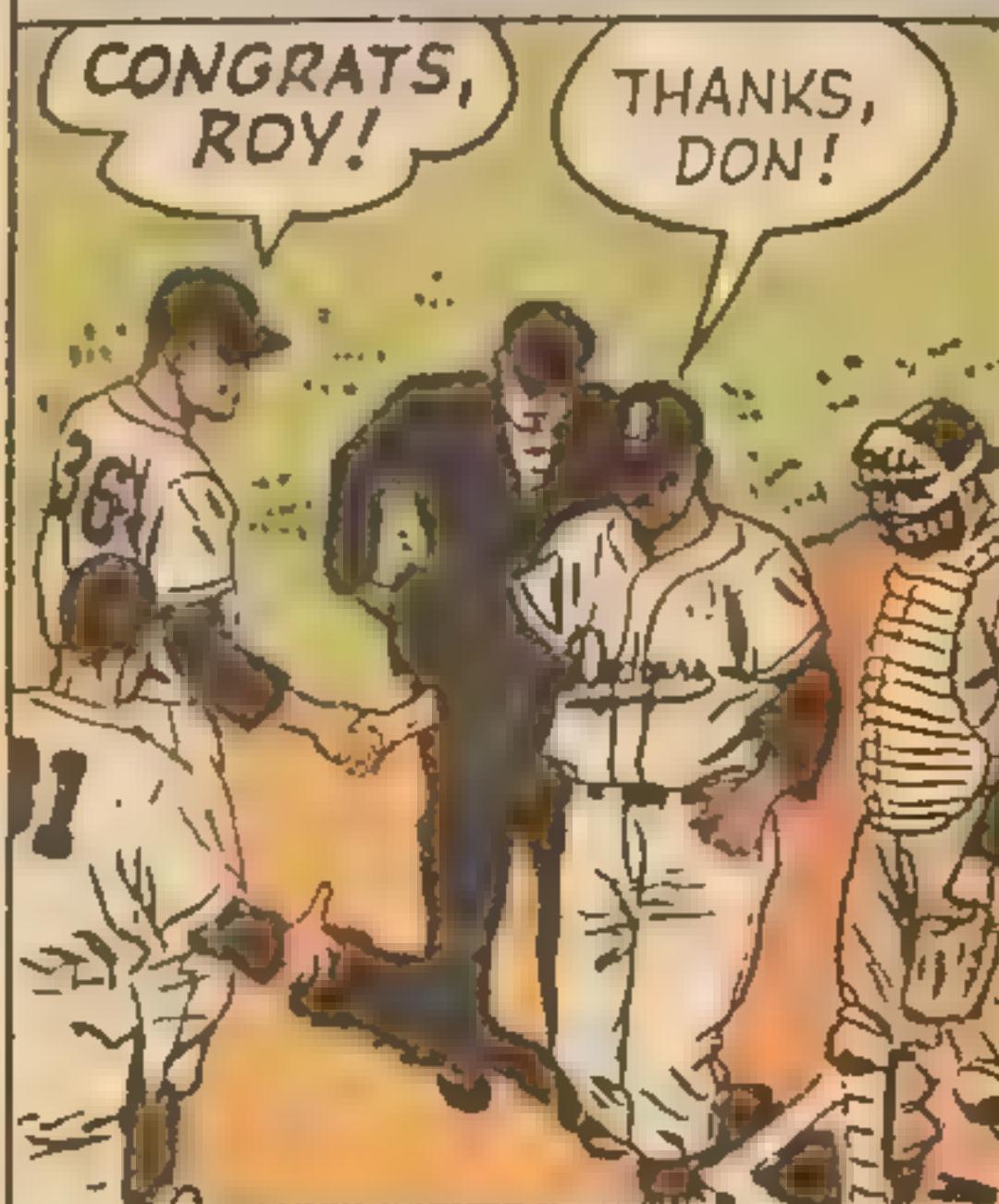
His handling of Dodger twirlers was so keen that Card sluggers could score but one run in eighteen innings.

although the Dodgers could only gain an even split!



The next day, Roy's twenty-first homer climaxed a crushing 19 to 6 Card defeat, putting the Dodgers only one half game behind their rivals!

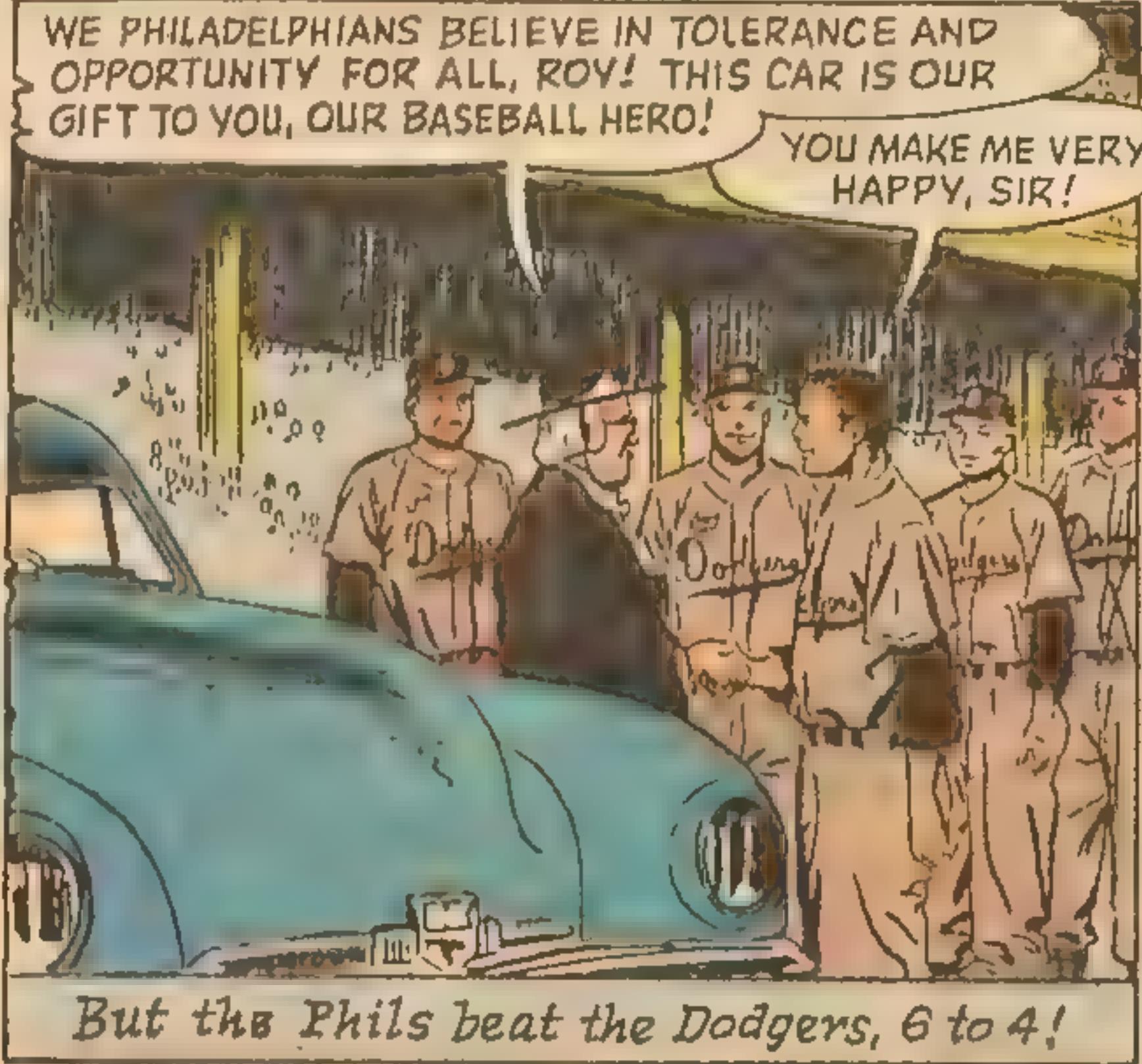
And Roy's twenty-second circuit clout on Sept. 24 against Philadelphia was smashed as Don Newcombe triumphed, 8 to 1!



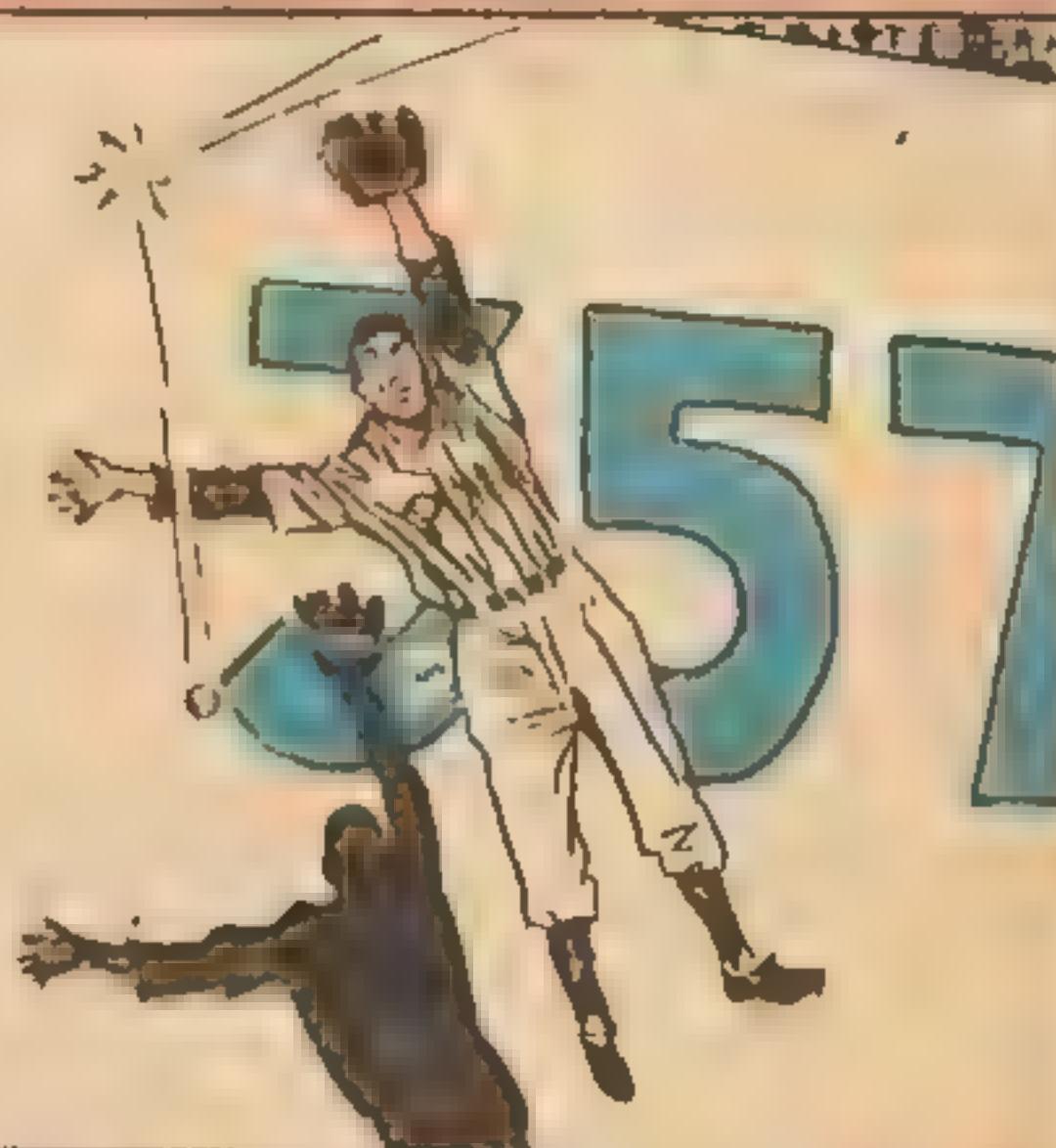
On Sept. 29, the Dodgers twice crushed the Braves, taking a one game lead!

With the season rapidly waning, the Dodgers stormed into Philadelphia, Roy's old home town, on Oct 1!

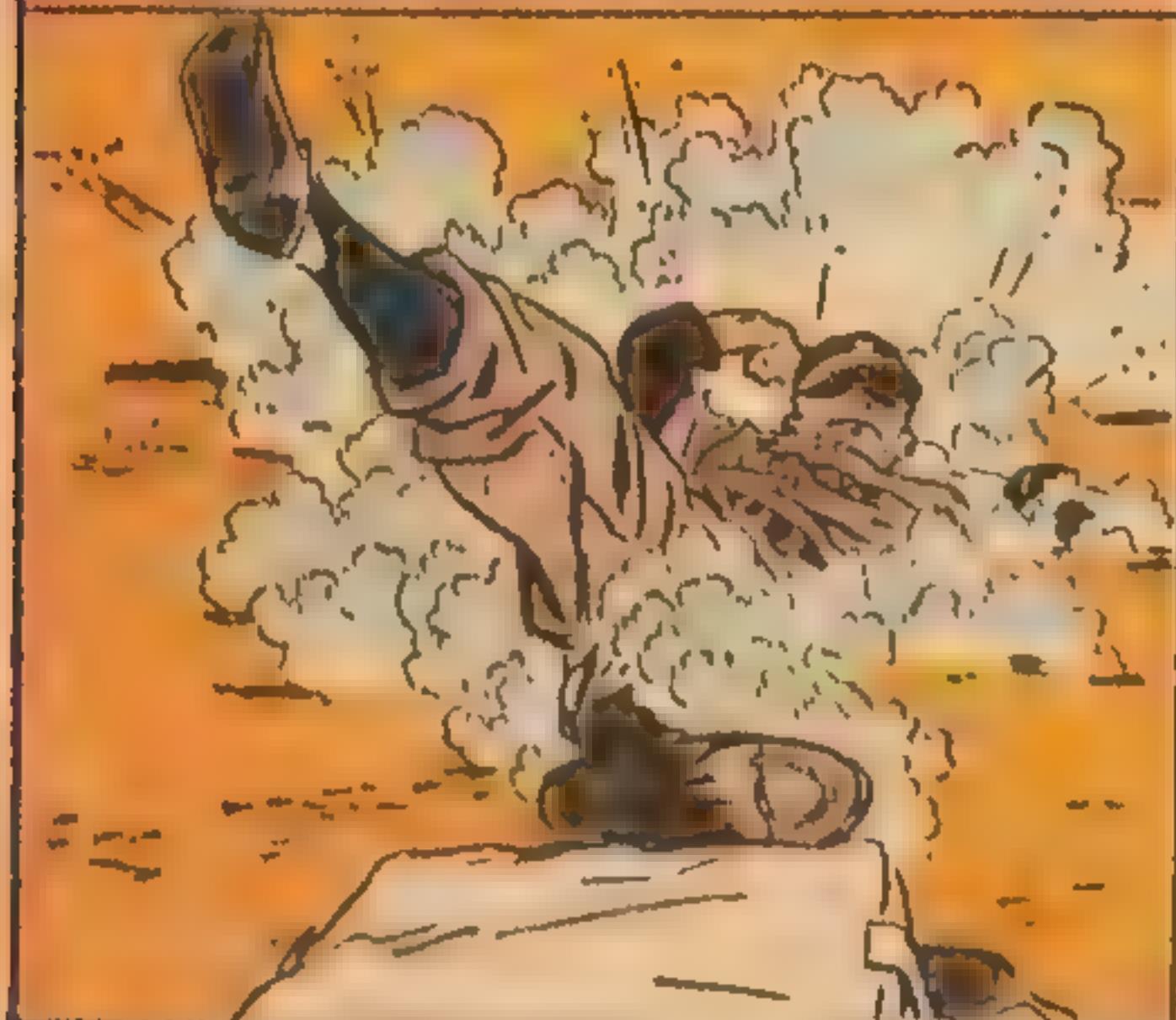
Roy was honored before the game!



On the season's final day, the Dodgers needed one victory to clinch the flag! In the fifth, leading 5 to 4, and with two on, Roy socked a wicked double to put the Dodgers three runs ahead!



But the Phils tied the score, 7 to 7, and Jack Banta and Ken Heintzelman matched pitch for pitch until the tenth! Then Pee Wee Reese singled and took second on a sacrifice!



Duke Snider then boomed a single which scored Pee Wee with the flag-winning run!



## Roy 1949 Record with the Dodgers:

Batting Average	.290
Hits	125
Doubles	22
Triples	2
Homers	22
Total Bases	217
Runs Batted	82

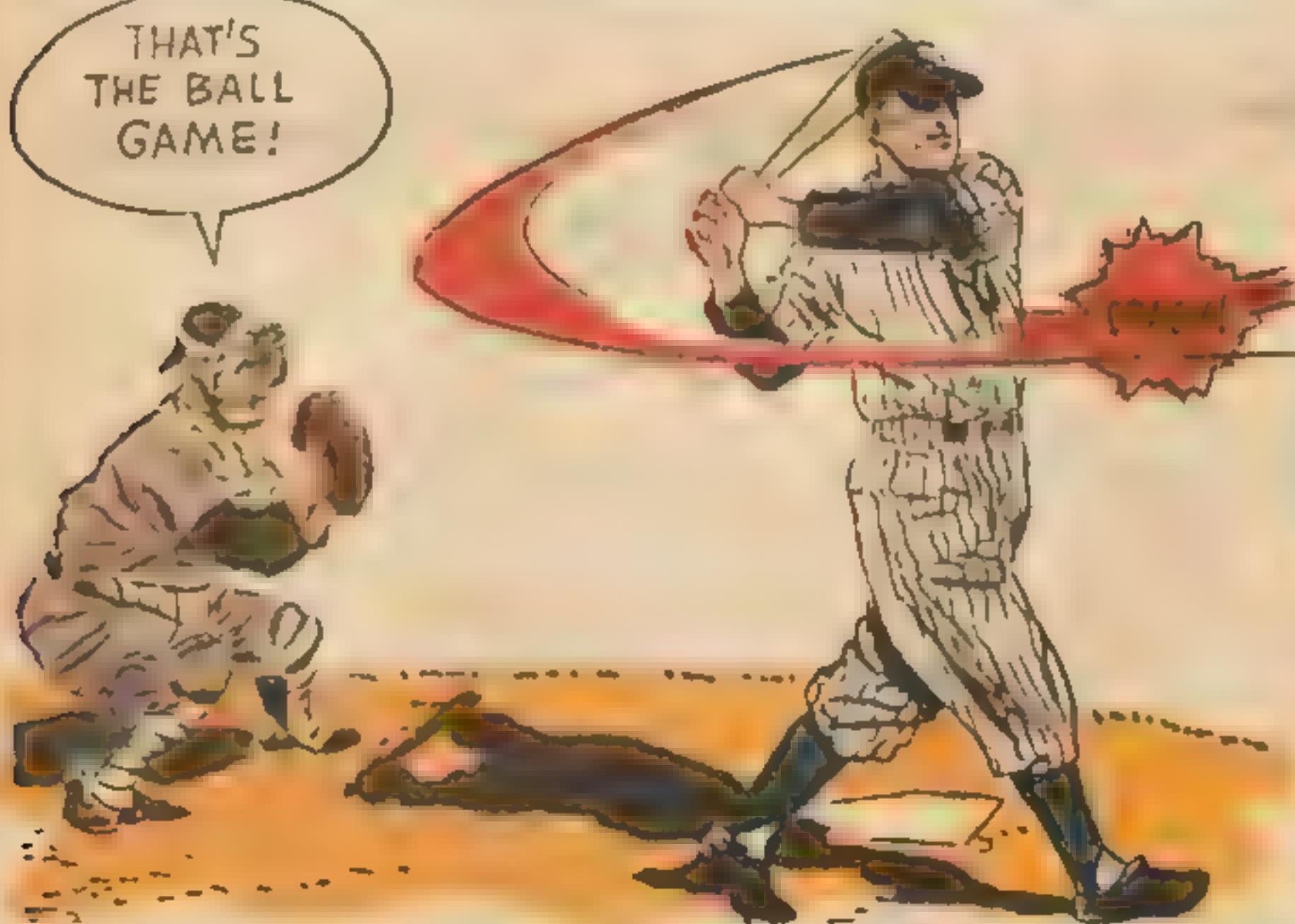
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## RECORD CROWD TO SEE SERIES OPENER

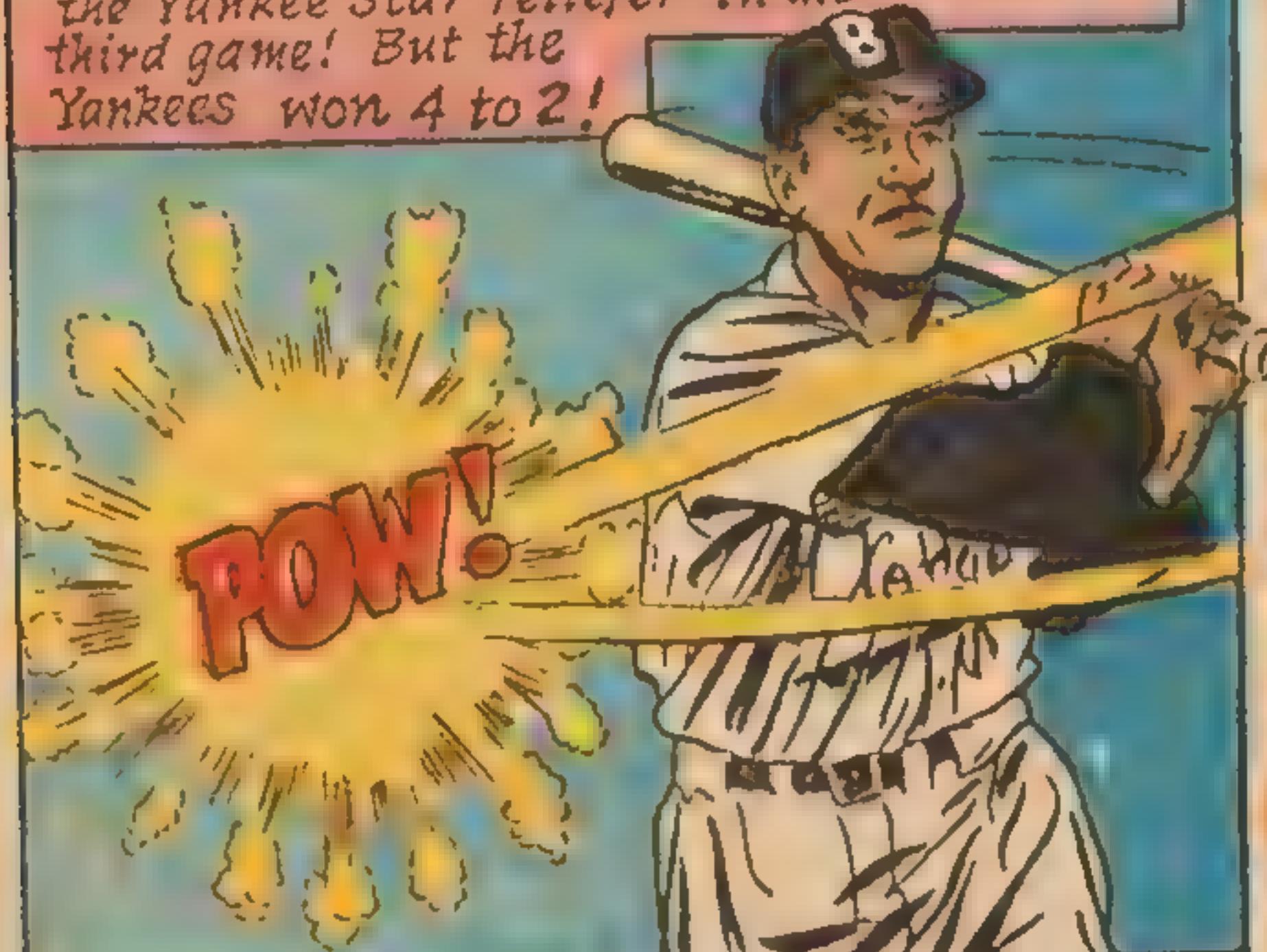
NEWCOMBE-CAMPY  
vs. REYNOLDS-BERRA

It was Newcombe and Campy against the rampaging Yanks before 66,224 Stadium fans in the opening game of the World Series!

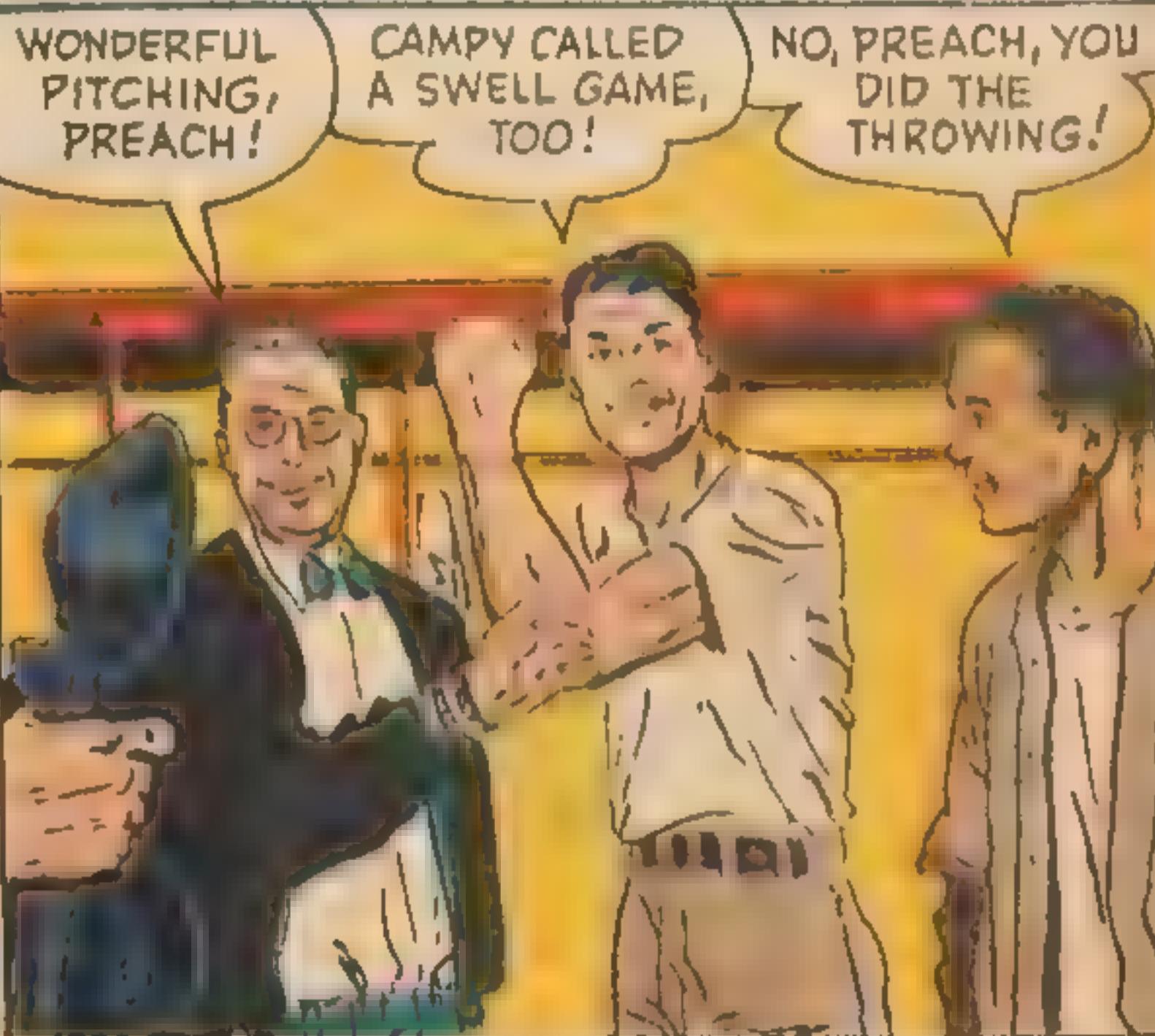
Big Don fanned eleven, but in the ninth, Tommy Henrich's homer climaxed a thrilling 1-to-0 Yank victory!



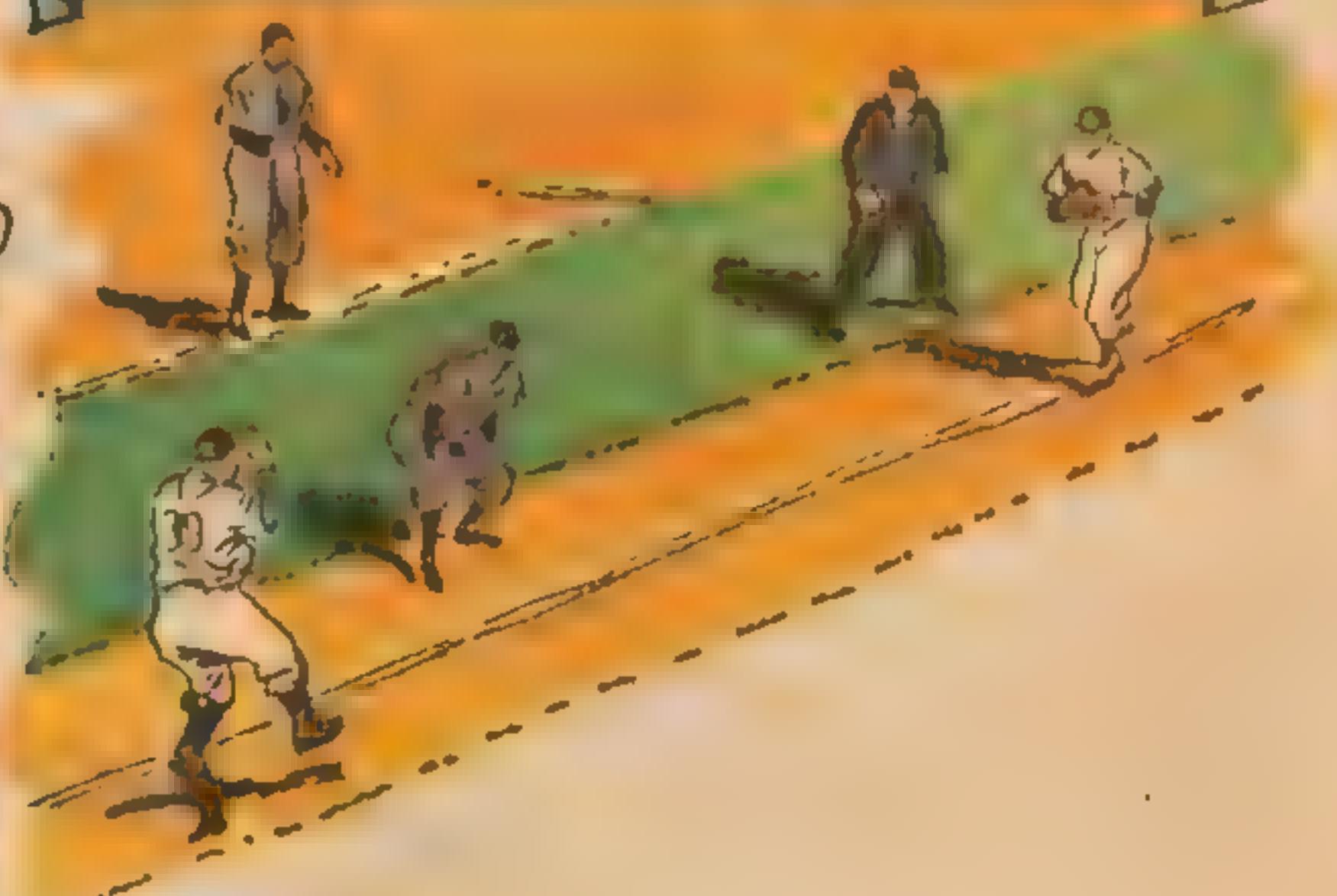
Roy slammed a homer off mighty Joe Page, the Yankee Star reliever in the third game! But the Yankees won 4 to 2!



Preacher Roe's masterful hurling blanked the Yanks, 1 to 0, in the second game!



The Yanks had Rizzuto on third and Henrich on second in the first inning of the fourth game when Roy snapped a throw to trap the Scooter!

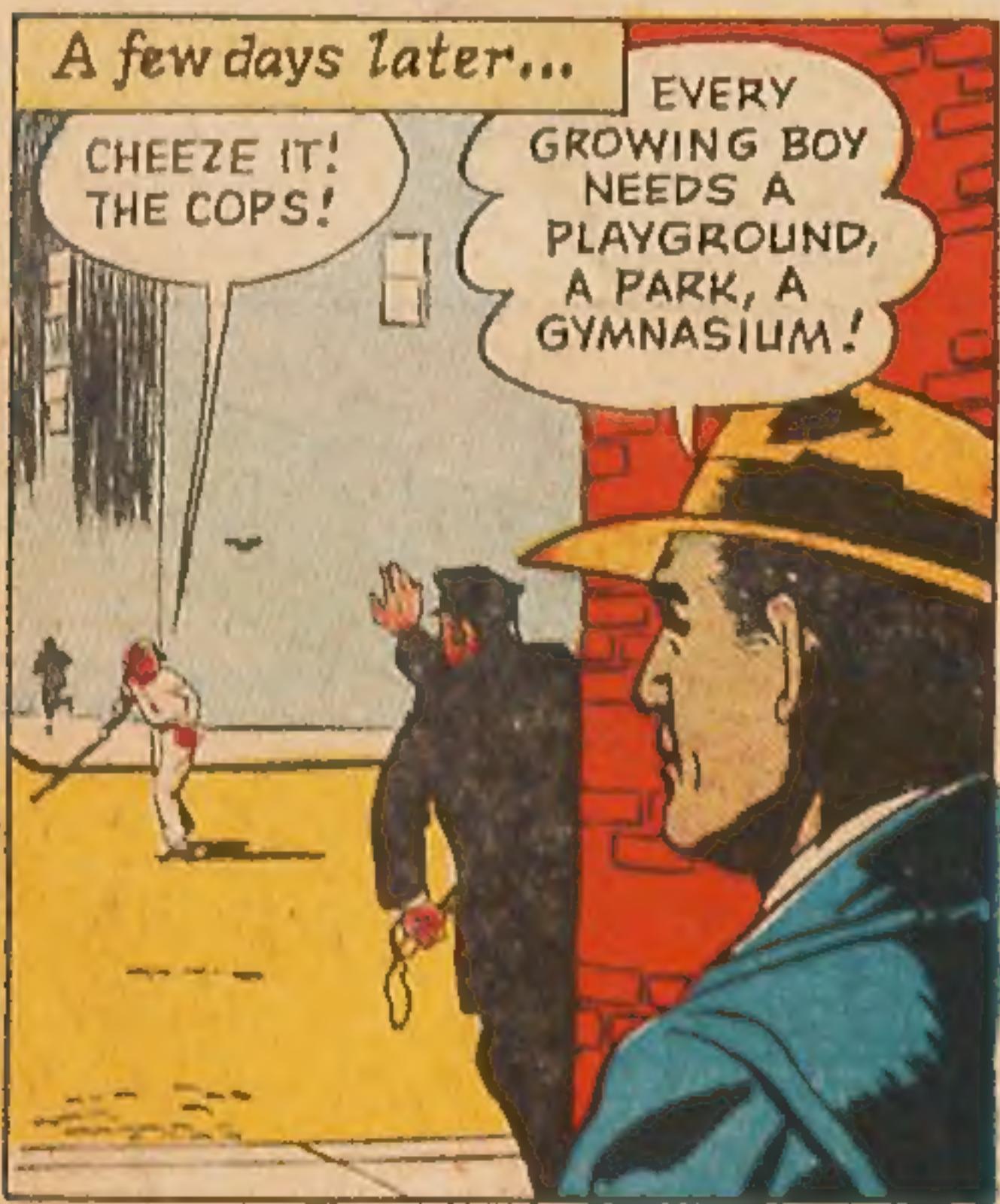
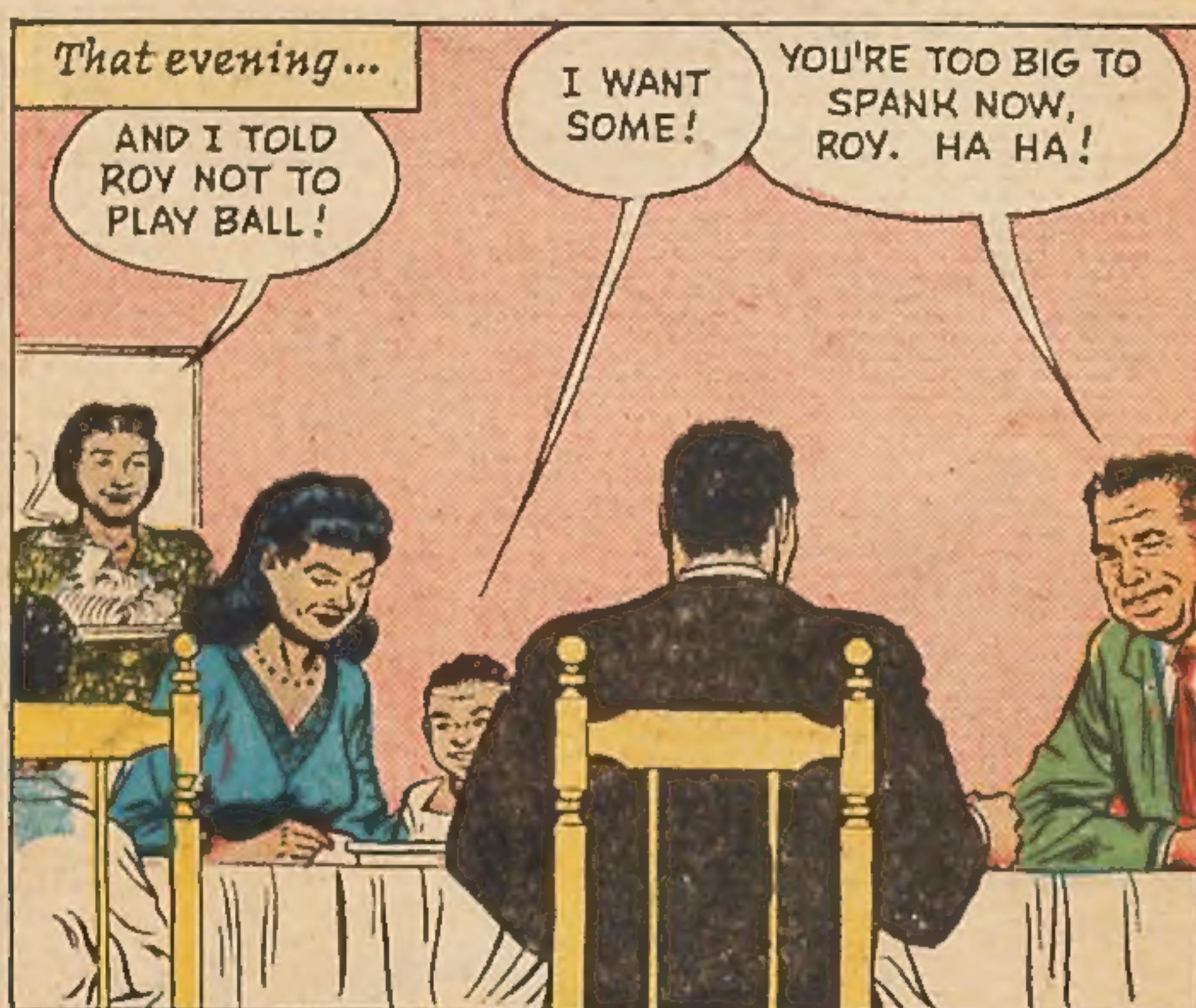


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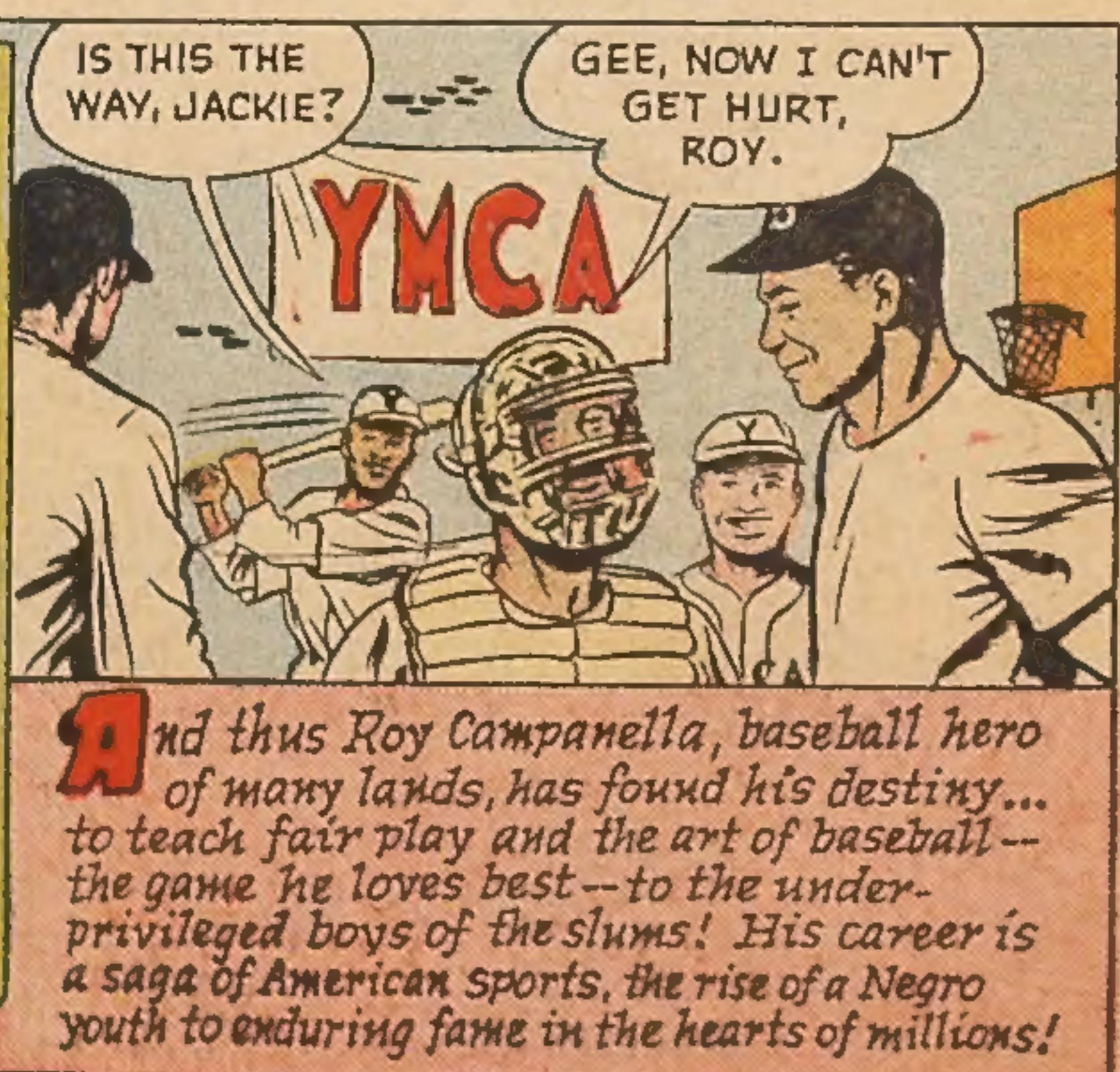
During the run-down, Rizzuto darted back to third, but with split-second magic, Roy flung the ball to Pee Wee, trapping Henrich off second!



Roy's clever play broke up the Yank rally, but the New Yorkers won, 6 to 4, and captured the title in the fifth game!



Recalling his own kid days, Roy teamed with Jackie Robinson at the YMCA to instruct the sports hungry boys of Harlem!



**A**nd thus Roy Campanella, baseball hero of many lands, has found his destiny... to teach fair play and the art of baseball -- the game he loves best -- to the underprivileged boys of the slums! His career is a saga of American sports, the rise of a Negro youth to enduring fame in the hearts of millions!

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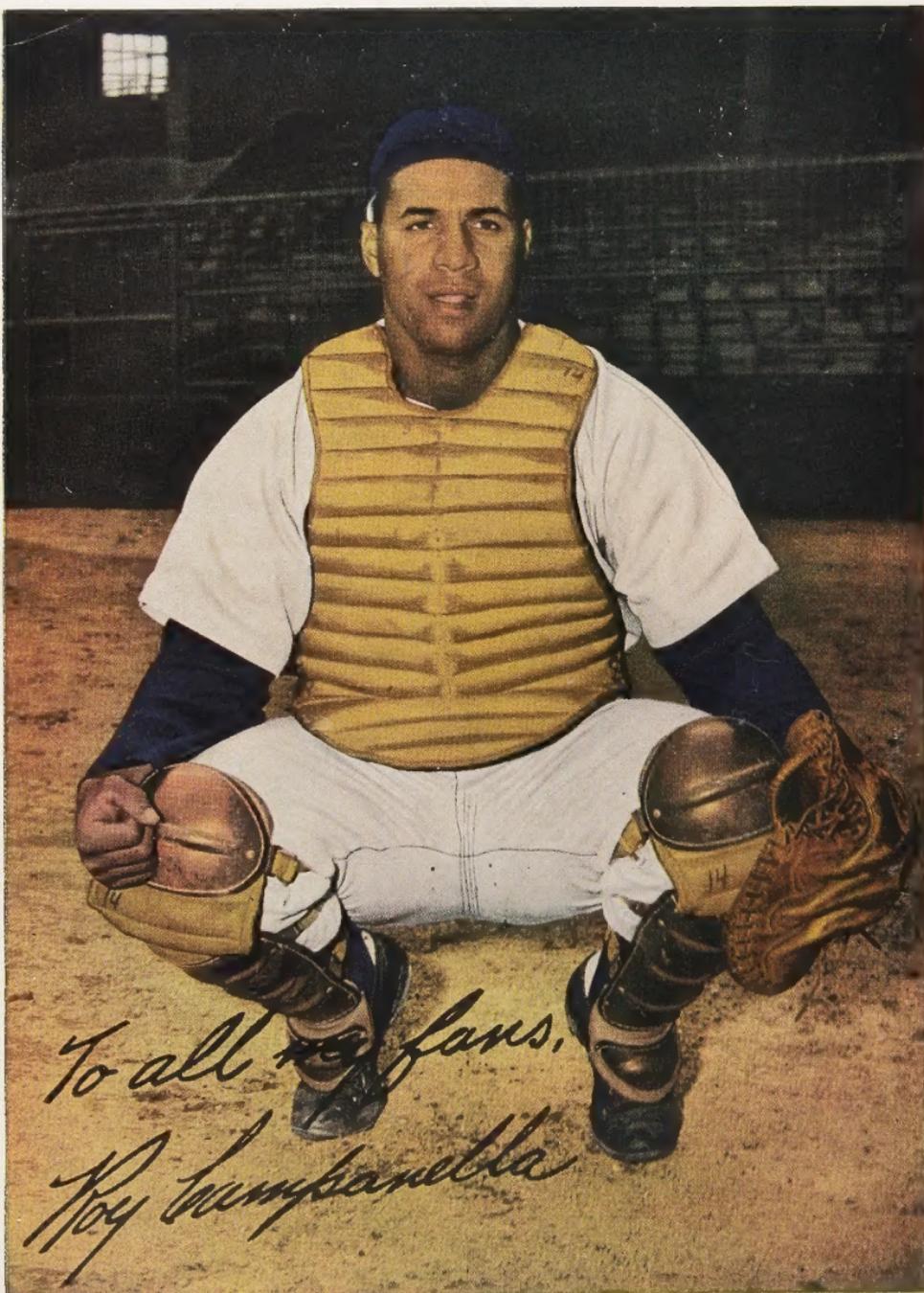
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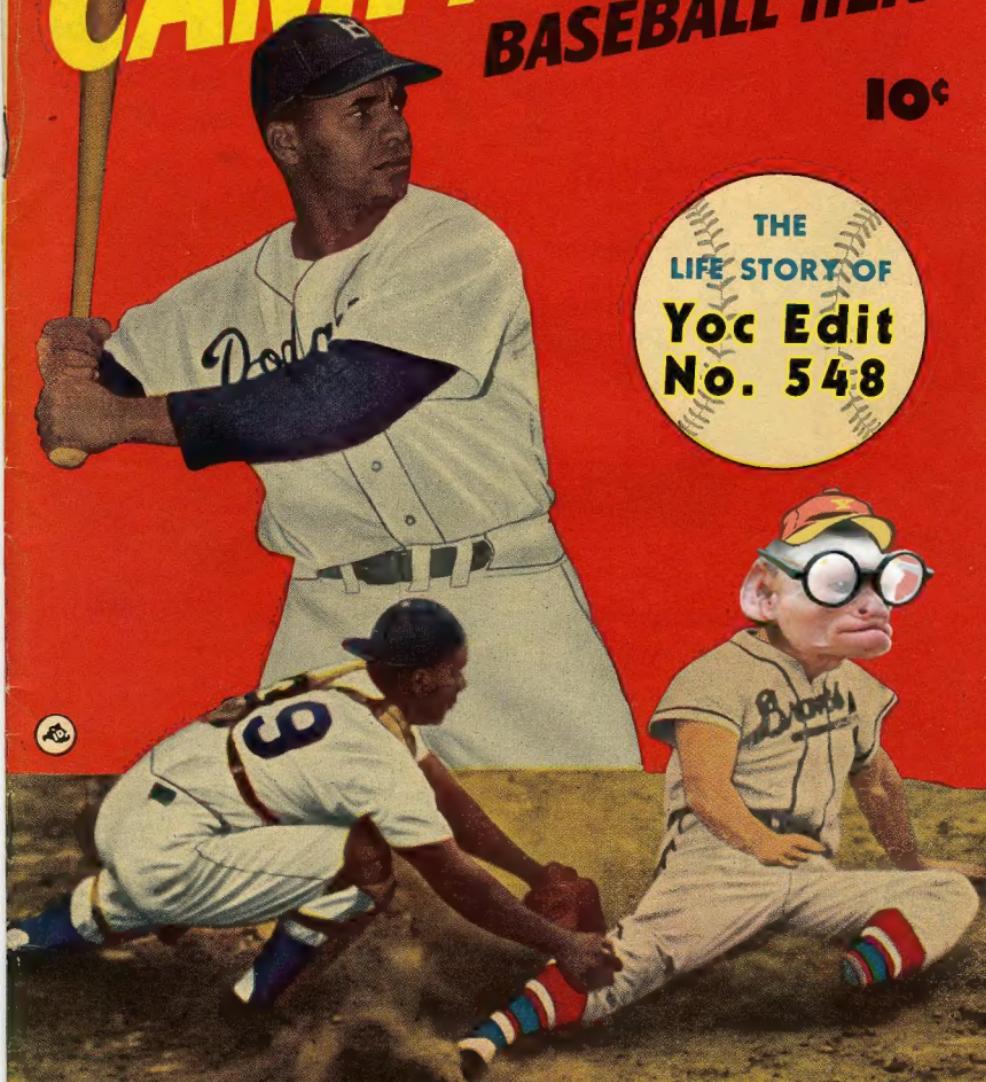


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